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The BENTLEY Collection

A Very British Affair

A. H. Baldwin & Sons Ltd are proud to present part three of the outstanding Bentley Collection. This, the final part, contains all other London Mint gold Sovereigns. The lot numbering of the sale continues directly from part two (held on 27 September 2012) which set a record price with the sale of the 1920 Sydney Sovereign for £780,000.

The highlight and most valuable coin of this part of the sale is the 1819 Sovereign, the key date of the London series, with a very low calendar mintage and a only a few surviving coins in private hands. The example in the Bentley Collection is the finest by more than a whole British grading step and has not been on the market for nearly 15 years. There are many other extremely rare issues of currency, pattern and proof coins from the inception of the Sovereign as a prototype in 1816 through to the decimal period with the final coin dating to 1974. Each example is described in as much detail as possible.

After this final part of the collection has been auctioned, we will, in due course, produce a book of the complete Bentley collection, with all three parts combined detailing the prices realised for each coin.

Please refer to the part one catalogue introduction for a narrative on how the collection was formed and for a brief historical background to the gold Sovereign.

A Note on Mintage Figures

All quoted calendar year mintages or numbers issued have been cross checked between two publications where appropriate:-
The History of the Gold Sovereign – Sir Geoffrey Duveen and H G Stride – published Oxford University Press, 1962
Sovereigns of the British Empire - Captain J J Cullimore Allen OBE - published Spink & Son, 1965.

A Note on the Weighing of Coins

All Sovereigns are struck in 22 carat gold (916.66 fineness) unless otherwise stated.
The standard weight of a Sovereign is 7.98805g or 123.27447 grains as dictated by the Coinage Act of 1870.
One gram = 15.4323 grains.

A unique opportunity occurs with the Bentley Collection to weigh accurately a large sample of surviving sovereigns even though their manufacture is quite uniform and weights very similar. It is interesting to see how accurately they were made and to examine how wear and tear takes its toll upon the more circulated examples, some of which are currently below the accepted legal tender weight as dictated by the later 1890 Coinage Act. In practice the weight can vary between 7.97g and 8.00g when rounded to two decimal places for a good quality coin. The more wear a coin exhibits the lower the weight can be. A sovereign was deemed non-legal tender once its weight diminished to under 122.5 grains, about 7.937g.
All coins were weighed on a Sartorius scientific balance to three decimal places and rounded up or down accordingly to two decimal places for publication.

A Note on Grading

All Sovereigns in the Bentley Collection have been graded on strict and conservative British standards. It should be borne in mind that gold, being the softest metal used in the manufacture of coinage, will always generally show some hairlines or light contact marks of some kind, and every effort has been made to mention all such instances.

For a true FDC Victoria Sovereign see lot 1180 which sets a standard for uncirculated grade that all the other Sovereigns in this collection are compared to.

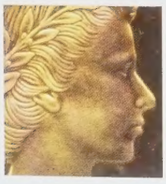
Some of the coins in the Bentley Collection were originally obtained "encapsulated and graded", encased in plastic, from which the owner arranged removal of the coins. Where the original grade from the various companies involved is known it is mentioned in the cataloguing along with our own strict British grading. However, we cannot advise or predict what any coin in the Bentley Collection may or may not be graded as by a third party grading service.

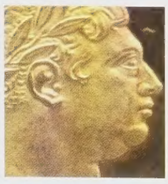
A Note on Varieties

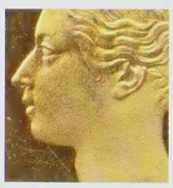
Varieties of coins and differences upon them can take many different forms and some are much more significant than others. There has been a trend in the numismatic trade recently to call any slight difference from one coin to another "a newly discovered" variety or more crassly an "error", when clearly this is not always the case. To be a true error upon a coin, the engraver who made it must have made a mistake when preparing the die which is clearly evident on the struck coins from those particular dies. This can take the form of a wrong letter used in the legend whether the right way up or rotated (or correct letter but rotated), or even more seriously a wrong bust or other design element used which is different to other current coins of the time. The use of Roman style true capital letter I punches can be deemed an error, but may just have been used for necessity if the Arabic style number 1 punch was missing or broken on the day of preparing the die. These sorts of striking are all true varieties, as they differ markedly to that which is normally encountered.

A Note on Provenances

Every effort has been made to include provenance when available in the time allowed to prepare this catalogue. Most of them are present due to the records kept of the acquisitions to the collection over many years. These generally consist of old dated invoices from the individuals and companies concerned. If any additional provenances become apparent after the issue of this catalogue but before the sale date, notices of them will appear on our website and as a printed sheet for visitors viewing the coins in this part of the collection.







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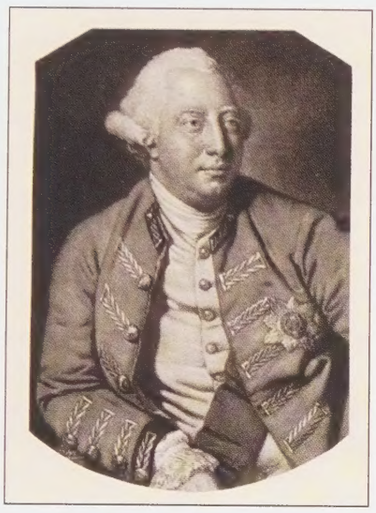


The Reign of King George III (1760-1820)
House of Hanover

Born: 4 June 1738

Accession: 25 October 1760

Married: Charlotte of Mecklenburg-Strelitz 8 September 1761
the day they met for the first time.

Coronation: Tuesday, 22 September 1761

Children: nine sons, six daughters

Died: 29 January 1820, aged 81

The unique standard Sovereign Weight as defined by Act of Parliament 1816

932 *G* **George III (1760-1820),** Trial Gold Flan for a Sovereign, 1816, 22 Carat uniface piece of gold inscribed in italic script on obverse in four lines, *Stand. Sovereign Wt. by Act of Part. 1816,* plain reverse and edge with bevelled rims, 7.99g, 19.6mm, thickness 1mm (unpublished in standard reference works). *Quite heavily hairlined, otherwise as made and engraved, unique.* £8000-10,000

ex "125 Years of Baldwin's 1872-1997", Baldwin's Auction 15, 13 October 1997, lot 42, sold for £4000
ex An Important Collection of Gold Sovereigns 1816-2000, offered as one lot, Sothebys, November 2000, lot 525 (part)

After the Battle of Waterloo a reform of the coinage was required and the Government at first thought to reintroduce the Guinea and its fractions. However, the general feeling of the public was that they had become used to banknotes in round figures of a Pound and Two Pounds, rather than the more inconvenient calculations required with multiples of gold Guinea coins. Though the Prime Minister, Lord Liverpool, desired a return to the Guinea personally (he was briefly Master of the Mint 1799-1801), he was more practically minded and gave no resistance to the concession progressing through Act of Parliament, on the recommendation of the then Master of the Mint William Wellesley Pole. The Privy Council Committee duly recommended coinage of Ten Shilling, Twenty Shilling, Forty Shilling and Five Pound Pieces which was approved by the Prince Regent, 3 August 1816.
For further reading see *Royal Sovereign 1489-1989,* edited by G P Dyer, specifically Chapter 3 *The Modern Sovereign.*

This intriguing piece is of the utmost historical significance. No doubt it would have been produced for the earliest stage of the process of the introduction of the new Sovereign denomination, once it had been passed by Act of Parliament, 22 June 1816. It is easy to imagine such a piece being passed around a meeting of council members for the committee on coin and such a piece helping visualise the new dimensions for the new Sovereign that came to fruition as currency 1 July 1817.
Such trial pieces do not usually survive or even leave such meetings, the first time this piece ever appeared in public for sale was at the Baldwin's 125 Years celebrations auction in 1997 and remains unpublished in standard works on the subject of the Sovereign. It has only appeared once since, in the Sotheby sale in 2000 for the Important Collection of Sovereigns which was offered by sale as a single lot, but remained unsold. The Bentley collector was later introduced to this gentleman and a great many Sovereigns changed hands privately including this piece which is now offered for sale for only the third time in 15 years.

Extremely Rare Silver Pattern for a Sovereign, Undated, c.1816

933 **George III,** Pattern Sovereign, undated, struck in silver, engraved by Thomas Wyon Jnr after Pistrucci's model, laureate head right, with ties at back, four leaves at top of laurel wreath that consists of 13 leaves, toothed border on obverse only, legend GEORGIUS III DEI GRATIA no punctuation, *rev* struck en médaille, crowned square shield of arms, quartered with the arms of Hanover as an escutcheon, five strings to Irish harp, crown with twelve jewels on left arch, twelve on right arch, central crown upright with parallel vertical lines of jewels, seven to left and seven to right, legend BRITTANIARUM REX FIDEI DEFENSOR, no punctuation, last word weak so that upper serifs on letters absent or weak, edge straight grained milling, 5.64g, 23.7mm (cf WR 183; Montagu 588; Murdoch 253; ESC 1245 R6). *With an attractive dark tone, apart from weakness in striking of legend, good extremely fine and of the highest rarity.* £4000-5000

ex B A Seaby Ltd, February 1977
ex Herman Selig collection (part II), Coins of George III, Spink Auction 131, 2 March 1999, lot 1169
The key features of this early undated pattern are Wyon's George III portrait as used and adopted for the silver Shilling, the 13 leaf wreath with 4 leaves at the top, 5 strings to the Irish harp, as the dated silver pattern offered in part one of the Bentley Collection (lot 1), though this rendering is perhaps earlier as it is undated and the reverse has a different arrangement of the crown jewel band and arches.

Extremely Rare gold Pattern for a Sovereign, dated 1816

934 *G* **George III,** Pattern Sovereign, 1816, engraved by Thomas Wyon Jnr after Pistrucci's model, laureate head right, with ties at back, four leaves at top of laurel wreath that consists of 13 leaves, toothed border both sides, legend GEORGIUS III DEI GRATIA, no punctuation, *rev* inverted die axis, crowned square shield of arms, quartered with the arms of Hanover as an escutcheon, five strings to Irish harp, crown with eleven jewels on left arch, twelve on right arch, central crown upright with parallel vertical lines of jewels, six to left and seven to right, date 18 16 below arms, legend commences at lower left, BRITTANIARUM REX FID: DEF:, with colon stops, edge plain, 9.67g, 23mm (WR 187 R6, *this coin*; Montagu 538; Murdoch 181; Douglas-Morris 125; Selig 1167, *this coin*). *Quite hairlined with some tiny blemishes, otherwise practically as struck and of the highest rarity, the plate coin in the Wilson and Rasmussen publication.* £15,000-20,000

ex J G Brooker collection, milled gold collection, sold privately to Spink and Son, c.1970
ex Herman Selig collection (part II), Coins of George III, Spink Auction 131, 2 March 1999, lot 1167
The key features of this early pattern are Wyon's George III portrait as used and adopted for the silver Shilling, the 13 leaf wreath with 4 leaves at the top, 5 strings to the Irish harp, and the crown on shield with 11/12 pearl arrangement with a 6/7 arrangement on the central vertical.

Uniface Trial Reverse for a Pattern Sovereign struck in Gold, c.1817

935 *G* **George III,** Uniface Gold Trial Reverse Sovereign, undated, struck c.1817, engraved by Benedetto Pistrucci, St George, helmeted with flowing streamer and cloak, slaying dragon right with broken lance, unlike currency issue, left forearm visible holding rein of horse, dragon at an unfinished stage, no tongue, with filled mouth, dragon claws triangular and stubby, groundline with BP incuse to left, all within horizontally crudely ruled garter with buckle, W W P incuse on sides of buckle, garter motto HONI . SOIT . QUI . MAL . Y . PENSE ., letter I of first word fully apparent, all struck slightly off-centre, edge plain, 7.97g, 22.9mm, thickness 0.75mm (WR 190 R7; Murdoch 189; BDM vol. IV, pp.586-589, 600-601). *Toned, as struck and the only known specimen, unique.* £10,000-15,000

most likely ex Benedetto Pistrucci collection and subsequently J G Murdoch collection, Sothebys, 15 March 1904, lot 189, sold for £2/12/- ex Sotheby, 26 April 1996, lot 640

This piece is of the utmost historical significance and is very unusual, being a uniface piece struck in gold. Such uniface trials were usually made in base metals, gold flans were not generally used for uniface trials unless of the highest importance. This piece was probably used by Pistrucci himself to show how close the design was to acceptable currency, it depicts St George and dragon at a very late design stage. The most interesting aspect being the treatment of the left forearm of St George gripping the rein of the horse. Other unfinished aspects are also noted upon the dragon, otherwise the rest of the design is as adopted for currency. No doubt the piece was produced in early 1817. The Sotheby catalogue of 1996 suggests this coin may be associated with a group of coins known to have been ordered by the Master of the Mint, William Wellesley Pole, for presentation to Pistrucci as way of consolation, the latter being a very volatile character. This piece was in Pistrucci's collection as "No.3" and later found its way to the Murdoch collection where it was sold without a plate illustration. Pistrucci's notes were quoted in part in the catalogue and in relation to this piece his notes translate as:-

This St George is the finest work I have done in my life with the graving-tool, and for this reason the public will excuse if it is not so fine as the later ones; besides, it was spoiled through mechanical operations at the Mint, or by accident, or maliciously, in order that my work should appear before the public more imperfect than that which I knew to be without taste.

A sense of his mood is clearly seen by his comments. Another relevant comment in Pistrucci's notes subsequent to the piece offered here and in relation to the eventual current coin reverse design is:-

...they made me change the hand, which was at first showing a portion of the arm, to what is now seen on the current coins....

It is highly likely this piece is the one that was in the Murdoch sale, the research suggests such a uniface piece in gold would be a one-off if trying to console Pistrucci. Any original Pistrucci notes offered with such a coin in the Murdoch collection in 1904 are now sadly detached.

Uniface Trial Reverse for a Sovereign struck in Lead, c.1817

936 **George III,** Uniface Base Metal Trial Reverse for a Sovereign, undated, c.1816-1817, struck in lead, engraved by Benedetto Pistrucci, St George, helmeted with thin streamer and cloak, slaying dragon right without broken lance, only left hand visible griping rein as currency piece, design cruder and unfinished, groundline incomplete at left, and tail of horse incomplete and truncated, neck of horse thinner, dragon crude and of thin appearance, 6.06g, 22.6-23.3mm, thickness 1.5mm (WR -; Douglas-Morris -). *Unrecorded in all the standard works of reference, as made with usual associated weaknesses for a lead striking, a little ovoid in shape, rim nicks and scratches on plain side, extremely fine and possibly unique.* £800-1000

This piece appears to be an earlier rendering of the reverse, perhaps an initial phase as many aspects are either incomplete or more basically rendered. Trials of this nature are usually only ever "squeezed" from a working die in uniface format in base metal because impressions can be taken from an unhardened die. Silver and gold require a hardened die, after which further work on the die is not possible.

937 *G* **George III,** Sovereign, 1817, first laureate head right, coarse hair, date below, no upper serifs to fourth and fifth I's of obverse legend, other serifs weak, *rev* St George slaying dragon right with broken lance, the last three words of motto double struck, no upper left serif to I of HONI, raised rim both sides, 7.91g (Marsh 1; MCE 464; S 3785). *Toned, bold fine with associated marks and hairlines.* £300-400

purchased via A H Baldwin & Sons Ltd, March 2006
Calendar year mintage 3,235,239
Some of the letters in the legend lack serifs, no doubt due to blockages or the employment of faulty letter punches, with corner serifs broken off, to prepare the dies. See the introduction to this catalogue for a discussion about this. It is also interesting to note that the weight of this coin in its lower grade is under the legal tender limit as dictated by the Coinage Acts of 1816-1891.

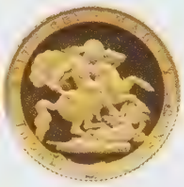
938 *G* **George III,** Sovereign, 1817, first laureate head right, coarse hair, date below, no upper right serif to fifth I of obverse legend, *rev* St George slaying dragon right with broken lance, the last three words of motto double struck, no upper left serif to I of HONI, raised rim both sides, 7.98g (Marsh 1; MCE 464; S 3785). *Brilliant, lightly toned in reverse legend, otherwise good very fine.* £600-800

purchased via A H Baldwin & Sons Ltd, April 2009
Calendar year mintage 3,235,239
Some of the letters in the legend lack serifs, no doubt due to blockages or the employment of faulty letter punches, with corner serifs broken off, to prepare the dies. See the introduction to this catalogue for a discussion about this.

939 *G* **George III,** Sovereign, 1817, first laureate head right, coarse hair, date below, *rev* St George slaying dragon right with broken lance, the last three words of motto double struck, no upper left serif to I of HONI, thick tailed Q in legend, due to a die flaw, raised rim both sides, 7.87g (Marsh 1; MCE 464; S 3785). *Almost fine with associated marks and hairlines, unusual.* £300-400

purchased via A H Baldwin & Sons Ltd, March 2006
Calendar year mintage 3,235,239
It would appear that a slight imperfection in the die opened up on the tail of the letter Q and metal filled the area giving a thicker tail on the coin struck from this reverse die. The die probably was reaching the end of its useful service anyway and this imperfection may well have sealed its fate. It is also interesting to note that the weight of this coin in its lower grade is under the legal tender limit as dictated by the Coinage Acts of 1816-1891.

Extremely Rare Proof Sovereign, dated 1818



940 *G* **George III,** Proof Sovereign, 1818, engraved by Benedetto Pistrucci, first laureate head right, coarse hair, laurel wreath of 10 leaves, date below, ascending colon after BRITANNIAR, with no lower right serif to first I, no upper serifs to last four letters, lettering clear of raised rim, legend GEORGIUS III D: G: BRITANNIAR: REX F: D:, I of King's name missing lower right serif, *rev* struck with inverted die axis, St George on horseback slaying dragon right with broken lance, helmet with flowing streamer, ground-line with BP incuse to left, all within horizontally ruled garter with buckle, W W P incuse on sides of buckle, garter motto HONI. SOIT. QUI. MAL. Y. PENSE., I of HONI missing top left serif, raised rim both sides, edge milled, 7.98g (WR 198 R6; Murdoch 193; Nobleman 49/50; Douglas-Morris 142; S 3785A). *Tiny pinhead sized black spot on nape of neck and on temple, some hairlines, otherwise brilliant as struck and extremely rare.* £15,000-20,000

ex Property of Gentleman collection, Spink Auction 117, 19 November 1997, lot 1961
One of the key features of the design of this proof as adopted and engraved for currency by Pistrucci are the wreath of 10 leaves and the date below the bust, coupled with St George slaying the dragon. Some of the letters in the legend lack serifs, no doubt due to blockages or faulty letter punches, with corner serifs broken off, being employed. See the introduction to this catalogue for a discussion about this.

The Finest Known Example of the Legendary 1819 Sovereign

941 *G* **George III,** Sovereign, 1819, by Benedetto Pistrucci, laureate head right, coarse hair, date below, descending colon after BRITANNIAR:, legend GEORGIUS III D: G: BRITANNIAR: REX F: D:, *rev* struck with inverted die axis, St George slaying dragon right with broken lance, groundline with BP incuse to left, all within horizontally ruled garter with buckle, W W P incuse on sides of buckle, garter motto HONI . SOIT . QUI . MAL . Y . PENSE ., no upper left serif to I of HONI, raised rim both sides, edge milled, 7.97g (Marsh 3 R6, *this coin illustrated*, plate 3; MCE 466; S 3785; BDM vol. IV, p.601, *1819 illustrated*). *Light red tone, lightly hairlined with a few tiny spots and flecks, about extremely fine and the finest known specimen extant, the key date to the entire series of British Sovereigns minted by the Royal Mint, of the highest rarity.* £150,000-200,000

ex Sothebys auction, 15 October 1998, lot 286, sold for £55,000 (including premium)
Calendar year mintage 3,574

The classic rarity of the London series. The Bentley Collection specimen is the finest known in private ownership by a full British grading step. All other known specimens are in the region of poor to fair or fine condition, with only one approaching very fine.
There are still fewer than ten specimens known to be in private hands, and the purported proof version (if correctly identified as such) is unknown to modern numismatists (Murdoch 194 = WR199). Having not been seen for over 70 years since the "North Country Collector" sale of 1939.
Duveen and Stride, in the their 1962 publication *The History of the Gold Sovereign,* throw some light on the matter of the rarity of 1819 Sovereigns and the very low calendar year mintage when they say that specie payments by the Bank of England were suspended so only £3,574 worth of sovereigns were produced in that calendar year.
In the publication *Royal Sovereign 1489-1989,* edited by G P Dyer, there is an 1819 Sovereign in good fine quality illustrated on page 44. In the chapter on *The Modern Sovereign,* Graham Dyer remarks that in 1819 the Norfolk Banker Hudson Gurney told a Parliamentary Committee that he had never seen a new Sovereign in circulation. The preference of the public at that time was for spending and saving with banknotes instead of gold. It has been suggested that most of the new sovereigns of 1817 found their way overseas, with tourists wanting to spend freely on the continent, and therefore the subsequent demand diminishing into the 1818 issue and beyond. Once restrictions on payment of gold were removed by the Bank of England from 1820-1823, the Sovereign became more firmly established and took over as the payment medium from banknotes.
For further reading see *The Mint,* by John Craig, page 289, where he mentions that the minting of Sovereigns in 1819 and early 1820 was negligible. More up to date, Kevin Clancy, in his article on *The Ricardo Ingot* in the British Numismatic Journal 2001, p.172-174, alludes to there being only six known specimens of the 1819 Sovereign. Interestingly the notion of an ingot of gold in 1819 was raised by David Ricardo and progressed as far as an 1819 tin ingot being produced (an example of which appeared for sale at a DNW auction in June 2009, lot 418). These high value ingots were to be used to limit gold transactions to a small sphere of institutions and companies. The ingots were to feature four current coin designs, that of the gold Sovereign obverse dated 1819 which matches the obverse of the known currency 1819 Sovereigns, silver Crown reverse, Halfcrown reverse and Shilling obverse which also carried the date 1819.
Further work, in collaboration with the Royal Mint, has revealed some more interesting factual evidence about the issue of 1819 Sovereigns. 3,574 were struck, a very small total that could easily have been produced in one "journey" at the Mint (one day striking). However unusually the records show this total was struck over five instalments from August to November 1819 and not from gold supplied by the Bank of England in the usual way. The gold to strike the 1819 Sovereigns all emanated from private sources, most likely firms in the City of London. There is a written record of "Haldimand and Co." converting gold into current coin, perhaps to pay suppliers or Director's salaries. We know the coins did circulate, not just on the evidence of the worn coins seen today, but also other contemporary evidence.
In 1829 the Mint, in collaboration with the Bank of England, conducted a survey of the gold Sovereigns in circulation to investigate how much silver was alloyed with the gold. The Mint asked the Bank of England to locate 100 examples of each date of the Sovereign then in circulation from 1817 onward. The Bank managed to locate all that was asked for from its reserves, except for the date of 1819, of which it could only find **two** circulated examples in its holdings, this only ten years after issue. As a consequence, these two examples were excluded from the alloy melting experiment, though their later fate is unknown, perhaps finding their way to collectors.
Further evidence of circulation was provided by another survey carried out by a private banker named Martin in 1882. He conducted a huge survey of some 105,000 Sovereigns then in circulation to see how they were faring and the condition and state of the coin, in a move to have earlier worn coin withdrawn from circulation, which it subsequently was when pre-1838 dated Sovereigns were made non-legal tender. Mr Martin sourced details on dates and weights of Sovereigns nationally from banks, post offices, railway stations and anywhere else gold sovereigns were transacted, perhaps 100 pieces or more were surveyed by clerks from each source. Of the 105,000 Sovereigns surveyed only **two** pieces were reported dated 1819, this only 63 years after their issue.
At the meeting of the Numismatic Society in London, 17 December 1891, Mr J Clark exhibited examples of the 1817 and 1819 Sovereigns in "fine" condition for all attendees to see, this is mentioned in the proceedings from the 1892 volume of the Numismatic Chronicle. Perhaps this 1819 was one of the pieces surveyed in 1882 or 1829?
Interestingly, an article by Dr Philip Nelson appeared in the Spink Numismatic Circular of July 1904 listing English gold coins a mere four months after the Murdoch Sale; in the tabulation of gold coins the 1819 Sovereign is absent. This is later pointed out by correspondent Henry Garside in the November 1904 Numismatic Circular who remarks he once had a circulated example which he later lost! The Proof 1819 Sovereign appears for sale in the Spink Numismatic Circular of December 1905.

In *Sovereigns of the British Empire,* published in 1965 by Spink, Capt J J Cullimore Allen remarks that he had been unable to trace the existence of any example until the October before publication of the book, which he viewed and purchased. His collection was sold in Spink Auction 90 in 1992, as featured below. He also remarks that he had heard of an 1819 Proof Sovereign, no doubt a reference to the Murdoch lot 194 example, but of course he never confirmed or saw such a coin. Finally he confirms the National Collection in the British Museum does not contain one.
In the Seaby Coin and Medal Bulletin of July 1964 (page 256) there is a contemporary theory that the 1819 Sovereign was not struck for currency, and the only one publicly sold was the proof example. Some numismatists theorised that perhaps the £3,574 were all dated 1818, but the listing of a circulated example in the Bulletin (G1652) spoke for itself. Subsequent later research as detailed above has of course proven it was a small issue only for currency, all dated 1819.
Graham Dyer of the Royal Mint also confirms he has not come across any examples of the 1819 Sovereign in institutional collections. The cataloguer acknowledges the assistance of Mr Dyer and Chris Barker of the Royal Mint for their assistance in detailing some of the facts behind the issue of this, the rarest London Sovereign.

We attempt to list all the publicly sold 1819 Sovereigns proven to be in private hands as of 2013:

1) 1819 Sovereign, *extremely fine*
The Bentley Collection part III, lot 941 – ex Sothebys auction, 15 October 1998, lot 286, where mentioned there were five specimens known to the cataloguers at that time.

2) 1819 Sovereign, *good fine*
ex Seaby Coin and Medal Bulletin, July 1964 front cover coin, G1652 for £1000, sold to Capt J J Cullimore Allen (author of *Sovereigns of the British Empire*)
sold later as "Property of a Lady", Spink Auction 90, 15 March 1992, lot 334 for £15,500 hammer
offered in Mark Rasmussen List 12, Spring 2007, item S2 for £35,000
offered St James's Auction 7, 8 February 2008, lot 559, unsold
sold St James's Auction 11, 8 May 2009, lot 357, for £46,000 hammer

3) 1819 Sovereign, *fine*
Classical Numismatic Group, Auction 36, 5 December 1995, lot 1604, for $18,000
later Spink Numismatic Circular, December 2007, item MG1882, *brushed with scratch on cheek, good fine*, £48,500
later appeared at Spink Auction 197, November 2008, lot 548, sold to A H Baldwin & Sons Ltd and offered and sold on their Summer 2009 Fixed Price List, item BM021 at £40,000

4) 1819 Sovereign, *poor, ex-mount with solder around the edge*
offered with scroll mount attached in Spink Auction 140, 16 November 1999, lot 973 as sixth specimen known, *gilt and fair*
then appeared minus scroll mount in Spink Numismatic Circular October 2000, 1995 for £8500, sold to a private collector
later appearing on Mark Rasmussen Numismatist List 3, September 2002, £9000 retail
not recorded on the market publicly since

5) 1819 Sovereign, *ex-ring mount with solder and sweated, otherwise poor to fair*
sold Prof. R E Gibson Collection, Spink auction 40, 6th December 1984, lot 505 for £3,100 hammer to Spink Zürich and sold on to a German private collection. The cataloguers of 1984 said "very few specimens known" and the Baldwin marked copy of the catalogue has "(3?)" noted by hand.

6) 1819 Sovereign, *holed with porous surfaces, poor to fair*
first appeared un-illustrated in Glendinings, 12 February 1970, lot 75, when Michael Marsh missed a chance to purchase it as he laments in his first edition of the *Gold Sovereign*
next appeared in Glendinings, 10 February 1999, lot 66, sold for £4100 hammer to the collector who, as he completed his date run, promptly consigned his collection as one lot to Sothebys, An Important Collection of Gold Sovereigns 1816-2000, 16 November 2000, lot 525, which was unsold and later dispersed within the trade
next appeared at the "Tood Collection", DNW Sale 67, 28 September 2005, lot 165, £7,200 hammer
the next public appearance was in the "Horan" collection on Mark Rasmussen list 14, winter 2007/8, item S3, offered for £12,000
then after at St James's Auction 9, 18 June 2008, lot 423, £5100 hammer, this coin is now in a private collection

7) Should the 1819 Proof Sovereign listed as WR199 ever come to light again it does have a fuller provenance:
ex Marmaduke Trattle, Sothebys, 30 May 1832, lot 3301, sold with an 1820 Proof for 3-Guineas to Baron Boland
then Baron Boland, Sothebys, 21 April 1841, lot 403, lotted with an 1820 Sovereign but not mentioned as proofs, for £2/5/- to the dealer Cureton
Research is on-going for a further appearance in the interim, but the next occasion seems to be
ex J G Murdoch, Sothebys, 15 March 1904, lot 194, sold for £3/7/- to Spink
then Spink Numismatic Circular December 1905, item 22445, illustrated for the first time (same illustration used in the Biographical Dictionary, published in 1909), offered for £5/5/-
then a final appearance to date in North Country Collector collection, Glendinings, 23 May 1939, lot 134, sold to A H Baldwin & Sons Ltd for £10, no trace after this date

8) The 1819 Sovereign illustrated in the *Royal Sovereign 1489-1989,* page 44, does not match any of those listed in private ownership, and is not in the Royal Mint Collection.
It appears that most, if not all, of the Institutional coin collections in the UK, do not possess an 1819 Sovereign. The coin pictured in the *Royal Sovereign* is from the Royal Mint photographic records of coins shown to them for authentication. The piece in question was shown to the Mint personnel, via B A Seaby, in June 1974, seemingly on behalf of a private individual on the Continent. A cursory check of Seaby Coin Bulletins subsequent of that that time to the end of 1975 has not revealed any more information on this coin or any example for sale. If this coin still exists in private ownership today it takes the tally of coins to seven currency examples extant that have been photographed, of which the Bentley example is the finest known.

942 *G* **George III,** Sovereign, 1820, open 2, normal date arrangement, second laureate head right, finer engraved hair, date below, large date with high 8 and open 2, with spread 20 larger than 18, the initial G of legend turned more in line with date, 0 of date more angled and facing to right, ascending colon after BRITANNIAR:, slightly doubled lettering in obverse legend, larger space between X and F with double cut F colon, lettering clear of thinner raised rim, only a trace of outer linear circle, *rev* St George slaying dragon right with broken lance, no upper left serif to I of HONI, or I of QUI, thin raised rim with a trace of linear circle, 8.00g (cf Marsh 4; MCE 466; S 3785C). *Quite hairlined, extremely fine.* £1200-1500

ex Northeast Numismatics, Massachusetts, purchased 14 January 2005
Calendar year mintage 931,994

943 *G* **George III,** Sovereign, 1820, practically closed 2, neater smaller date arrangement, thinner 0, second laureate head right, finer engraved hair, date below, the initial G of legend turned more in line with legend, but distant from date, ascending colon after BRITANNIAR:, lettering in obverse legend clear of thinly ruled raised rim, no linear circle, larger space between X and F, no doubling in legend, *rev* St George slaying dragon right with broken lance, no upper left serif to I of HONI, broken first S in legend, no upper right serif to U of QUI, 7.99g (cf Marsh 4; MCE 466; S 3785C). *One short scratch with light hairlining, otherwise proof-like, practically as struck.* £2500-3000

Calendar year mintage 931,994

944 *G* **George III,** Sovereign, 1820, short date figures, by Benedetto Pistrucci, laureate head right, coarse hair, date below, spread short date figures with open 2 almost closed, 8 and 2 widely spaced apart, first G of legend close to date, ascending colon after BRITANNIAR:, lettering clear of thin raised rim and linear circle, larger space between X and F, GEORGIUS III D: G: BRITANNIAR: REX F: D:, some letters of legend doubled, *rev* struck with inverted die axis, St George slaying dragon right with broken lance, groundline with BP incuse to left, all within horizontally ruled garter with buckle, W W P incuse on sides of buckle, garter motto HONI . SOIT . QUI . MAL . Y . PENSE ., no upper left serif to I of HONI, first S of legend broken, with letter U die flawed, 7.96g (cf Marsh 4; MCE 466; S 3785C). *Some brilliance, rim nick on reverse, about very fine and the rarest date variety.* £400-600

Calendar year mintage 931,994

945 *G* **George III,** Sovereign, 1820, short close date figures, date doubled, by Benedetto Pistrucci, laureate head right, coarse hair, date below, closer short date figures with open 2, 182 all in a line, the 0 die-flawed, G of legend close to 1 of date and turned toward it, ascending colon after BRITANNIAR:, lettering clear of thin worn rim, larger space between X and F, GEORGIUS III D: G: BRITANNIAR: REX F: D: F, colon double cut, *rev* struck with inverted die axis, St George slaying dragon right with broken lance, groundline with BP incuse to left, all within horizontally ruled garter with buckle, W W P incuse on sides of buckle, garter motto HONI . SOIT . QUI . MAL . Y . PENSE ., no upper left serif to I of HONI, S of legend complete, edge milled, 7.72g (cf Marsh 4; MCE 466; S 3785C). *Scratched on bust, mediocre to poor but a differing variety of date to that usually seen for the rare short date figures.* £250-300

Calendar year mintage 931,994
It is also interesting to note that the weight of this coin in its lower grade is under the legal tender limit as dictated by the Coinage Acts of 1816-1891.

946 *G* **George III,** Sovereign, 1820, open 2, date figures close though of normal arrangement, angled lower 0 with die flaw to rim, 2 nearly touches 8, second laureate head right, finer engraved hair, date below, the initial G of legend turned more in line with legend, but distant from date, ascending colon after BRITANNIAR:, lettering in obverse legend clear of thinly ruled raised rim, no linear circle, larger space between X and F, no doubling in legend, *rev* St George slaying dragon right with broken lance, no upper left serif to I of HONI, broken first S in legend, parts of motto wording weakly struck, no upper right serif to U of QUI, 7.94g (cf Marsh 4; MCE 466; S 3785C). *Edge knock, surface marks and hairlines, otherwise good fine.* £300-400

Calendar year mintage 931,994
George III died 29 January 1820

The Reign of King George IV (1820-1830)
House of Hanover

Born: 12 August 1762

Accession: 29 January 1820

Married: Caroline of Brunswick 8 April 1795
later separated and banned from attending the Coronation

Coronation: Thursday, 19 July 1821

Child: one daughter Charlotte
who predeceased her Father 6 November 1817

Died: 26 June 1830, aged 67

Uniface Trial Reverse for a Sovereign of 1821 struck in Lead

947 **George IV (1820-1830),** Uniface Base Metal Trial Reverse for a Sovereign, undated (c.1821), struck in lead on an oversize flan, by Benedetto Pistrucci, crude design with thin aspects to figures, St George, helmeted with streamer and cloak, slaying dragon right with incomplete sword blade, held by a left hand only, thin broken lance on ground, all within crudely ruled quadruple concentric circle, 6.44g, 28.3mm to 29.8mm, thickness 1mm (WR -; Douglas-Morris -). *Light series of scratches at lower right quarter, otherwise as made with associated weaknesses from being "squeezed" in lead from the die and of ovoid form, some light corrosion and raised spots on plain side, extremely fine, perhaps unique.* £800-1000

This piece appears to be an earlier rendering of the reverse, perhaps an initial phase as many aspects are either incomplete or more basically rendered. Trials of this nature are usually only ever "squeezed" from a working die in uniface format in base metal because impressions can be taken from an unhardened die. Silver and gold require a hardened die, after which further work on the die is not possible.

Uniface Trial Reverse for a Sovereign of 1821 struck in Lead

948 **George IV,** Uniface Base Metal Trial Reverse for a Sovereign, undated (c.1821), struck in lead on a slightly oversize thick flan, by Benedetto Pistrucci, St George, helmeted with streamer and cloak, slaying dragon right with sword, held by a left hand only, thin broken lance on ground, trace of *WWP* on ground-line, B.P. in exergue, all within a linear raised circle, 10.87g, 24mm to 24.3mm, thickness 2mm (WR -; Douglas-Morris -). *Lightly corroded, "squeezed" in lead from the die and of ovoid form, otherwise very fine, perhaps unique.* £800-1000

This piece appears to be a later rendering of the reverse and appears to be close to the final design used for currency. Trials of this nature are usually only ever "squeezed" from a working die in uniface format in base metal because impressions can be taken from an unhardened die. Silver and gold require a hardened die, after which further work on the die is not possible.

Extremely Rare Bronzed Copper Proof Sovereign of 1821

949 **George IV,** Proof Sovereign, 1821, struck in bronzed copper, engraved by Benedetto Pistrucci, first laureate head left, 13 leaves in laurel wreath, B.P. below, lettering with horizontally ruled interior compartments, GEORGIUS IIII D: G: BRITANNIAR: REX F: D:, milled border between linear concentric circles both sides, *rev* struck with inverted die axis, St George on horseback slaying dragon right with sword, helmet with crest only, horse tail terminates in three strands, broken lance on ground to left, *WWP* in relief below, date in exergue, 8 doubled, B.P. to upper right, edge milled, 4.67g, 22.1mm (cf WR 231; Montagu -; Murdoch -; S 3800). *Toned with golden hints to milling, extremely fine and of the highest rarity.* £3000-4000

ex DNW auction, 21 June 2011, lot 205

Interestingly other denominations for 1821, like the silver Crown, also exist with copper proof strikings of great rarity. Perhaps they were final trials before committing to using more precious metal, in this case, the making of gold proofs of the Sovereign. Pistrucci would have had the right to strike special orders for coins, so it is even possible he acted upon a "VIP" commission to strike examples of certain coins in bronzed copper.

950 ℊ **George IV,** Sovereign, 1822, first laureate head left, B.P. below with quite dramatic doubling of the B, B over a B, *rev* St George slaying dragon right with sword, date in exergue, no upper serif on the 1, and no lower serif on B of B.P. in exergue, 7.98g (Marsh 6; MCE 472; S 3800). *Light surface marks of a parallel formation with textured fields, otherwise good extremely fine and unusual.* £1200-1500

ex Dr Jacob Y Terner collection, Goldberg, Hollywood, USA, 26-27 May 2003, lot 267
Calendar year mintage 5,356,787

Uniface Trial Reverse for a Sovereign of 1824 struck in Lead

951 **George IV,** Uniface Base Metal Trial Reverse for a Sovereign, 1824, struck in lead on a very thick flan, by Benedetto Pistrucci, St George, helmeted with streamer and cloak, slaying dragon right with sword, broken lance on ground, initials *WWP* on ground-line, date in exergue, no upper serif on the 1, BP without stops in exergue, all within a linear raised circle, 10.43g, 21.8mm to 22mm, thickness 2.5mm (WR -; Douglas-Morris -; cf S 3800). *Scratched and striated on plain side, "squeezed" in lead from the die and of ovoid form, rim bruise with a number of tiny digs and a patina of light oxidation, otherwise extremely fine, perhaps unique.* £800-1000

bought A H Baldwin & Sons Ltd, March 2006
Trials of this nature are usually only ever "squeezed" from a working die in uniface format in base metal because impressions can be taken from an unhardened die. Silver and gold require a hardened die, after which further work on the die is not possible.

The Very Rare Currency First Type Sovereign of 1825

952 *G* **George IV,** Sovereign, 1825, engraved by Benedetto Pistrucci, first laureate head left, B.P. below, lettering with horizontally ruled interior compartments, GEORGIUS IIII D: G: BRITANNIAR: REX F: D:, milled border between linear concentric circles both sides, *rev* St George slaying dragon right with sword, broken lance on ground to left, light die flaw from tail to lance, WWP in relief below, date in exergue, only a trace of the upper serif on the 1 in date, with B.P. to upper right, edge plain, 7.98g (Marsh 9 R3; MCE 475; S 3800). *Some light surface marks with a textured tone, otherwise pleasing extremely fine and extremely rare.* £4000-5000

Calendar year mintage 4,200,343
The calendar year mintage figure unfortunately provides no split between the first and second types for this year. It is well known that the first type for 1825 is very rare indeed, and must have only been produced up to, or around, Easter 1825 and accounts for a small fraction of the mintage for the calendar year.

Extremely Rare George IV Barton's Metal Pattern Reverse Sovereign

953 **George IV,** Uniface Pattern Reverse Striking for a Sovereign, 1825, struck in Barton's Metal (gold electrolysed copper), engraved by Jean Baptiste Merlen, crowned quartered shield of arms, with the arms of Hanover as an escutcheon, seven hearts in semée of Hanoverian lion, upper left lis of frame around Scottish lion detached only, Irish arms with nine harp strings, BRITANNIARUM REX FID: DEF:, edge, plain showing copper with gold borders, 4.08g, 21.8mm (Murdoch 417; Nobleman 129; cf S 3801). *Speckling of black tone both sides, otherwise as struck and very rare.* £1500-2000

Experimental patterns struck in Barton's metal exist in most denominations usually of gold and silver dated 1825. Bartons Metal is gold electrolysed copper where a thin sheet of gold has been laid over a copper core and struck as method to show how a token coinage could be produced. The Deputy Comptroller of the mint at this time was John Barton (1771-1834) who was an engineer and responsible for inventing new more efficient machinery at the Royal Mint. Many of the new methods and machines were written up in detail in the Mechanic's Magazine, volume III – 1824 in issues 63-67. The Bartons Metal patterns of 1825 are all uniface obverse and reverse designs and are extremely rare.
The companion uniface obverse of equal rarity was sold in part two of the Bentley Collection, lot 390, in September 2012 for £1400 hammer.

Extremely Rare Bronzed Copper Proof Sovereign of 1825, Second Type

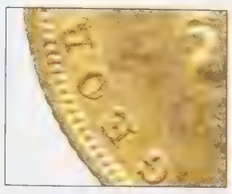
954 **George IV,** Proof Sovereign, 1825, struck in bronzed copper, engraved by William Wyon after Francis Chantrey's model, second bare head left, date below, rosette either side, toothed border and raised rim both sides, GEORGIUS IV DEI GRATIA, lower left serifs absent in first four letters of King's name, *rev* struck with inverted die axis, by Jean Baptiste Merlen, crowned quartered shield of arms, with the arms of Hanover as an escutcheon, eight hearts in semée of Hanoverian lion, two upper lis of inner frame around Scottish lion incomplete and detached, Irish arms with nine harp strings, BRITANNIARUM REX FID: DEF:, edge milled, 4.78g, 22.1mm (cf WR 236; Montagu -; Murdoch -; Douglas-Morris 159; S 3801). *One or two tiny digs, otherwise toned, practically as struck and extremely rare.* £3000-4000

ex Randy Weir Numismatics, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, purchased 14 July 2003
This milled edge 1825 proof in bronzed copper carries eight hearts in the Hanoverian Arms like the currency pieces, as opposed to the seven heart semée Barton's metal piece in the previous lot, discovered in the Bentley Collection for the first time.
Perhaps such a copper striking was a final trial before committing to using more precious metal for the making of gold proofs of the Sovereign. Wyon would have had the right to strike special orders for coins, so it is even possible he acted upon a "VIP" commission to strike examples of certain coins in bronzed copper.

955 *G* **George IV,** Sovereign, 1826, 6 of date struck over a tilted 6, 26 of date more spread than usual, second bare head left, date below, *rev* crowned shield of arms, quartered with the arms of Hanover as an escutcheon, 8.02g (Marsh 11; MCE 477; S 3801). *Short scratch on neck, hairlined, very fine, reverse better and unusual.* £600-800

bought A H Baldwin & Sons Ltd, July 2009
Calendar year mintage 5,724,046

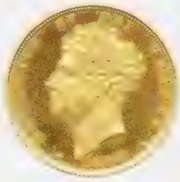
Very Rare 1826 Sovereign with 6 of Date over a Small 6



956 *G* **George IV,** Sovereign, 1826, 6 of date struck over a small Half-Sovereign sized 6, whole legend show evidence of being overstruck on smaller sized letter punched legend, especially start of King's name, second bare head left, date below, *rev* crowned shield of arms, quartered with the arms of Hanover as an escutcheon, 7.98g (Marsh 11; MCE 477; S 3801). *Bagmarked and hairlined, almost extremely fine, the finest known of the very few so far discovered of this relatively new variety, extremely rare.* £1000-1500

bought Mark Rasmussen Numismatist, list 8, item 279
Calendar year mintage 5,724,046
This intriguing variety was only discovered about six years ago and the cataloguer has still not seen more than four specimens, the others being in lower grades than the example here. It appears as if an engraver at the Mint had before him the wrong set of letter and number punches as would normally be used on the smaller coins like the Half-Sovereign and only realised once most of the obverse legend had been punched into the die. Dies by their very nature being too valuable to waste, the engraver then seems to have obtained the correct size punches and proceeded to correct the small size letters as carefully as possible. The 6 of the date is the most obvious part of this variety, along with the initial four letters of the legend, but others are evident too.

Extremely Rare George IV 1830 Proof Sovereign Struck en médaille



957 *G* **George IV,** Proof Sovereign, 1830, engraved by William Wyon after Francis Chantrey's model, second bare head left, date below, rosette either side, toothed border and raised rim both sides, GEORGIUS IV DEI GRATIA, *rev* struck en médaille, by Jean Baptiste Merlen, crowned quartered shield of arms, with the arms of Hanover as an escutcheon, eight hearts in semée of Hanoverian lion, two upper lis of inner frame around Scottish lion incomplete, Irish arms with nine harp strings, re-touched frosting on design elements leaving finest detail indistinct evident on crown band, BRITANNIARUM REX FID: DEF:, edge milled, 7.99g (WR -; Montagu -; Murdoch -; Nobleman -; Douglas-Morris -; S 3801). *Some very light surface marks on obverse, one tiny spot above legend on reverse, otherwise toned, as struck and the only known example in private hands, a superb coin.* £25,000-30,000

ex DNW auction, 28 September 2005, lot 951
This milled edge proof of 1830 carries eight hearts in the Hanoverian Arms like the currency pieces, as opposed to the seven heart semée plain edge piece published in part one of the Bentley Collection for the very first time, it also has an upright axis. The 1830 Proof was only discovered, confirmed by the Royal Mint and sold for the first time publicly in 2005 at DNW where Noble Investments bought it on behalf of the Bentley collector.
The coin was unknown to Wilson and Rasmussen and it was reported that the vendor at the auction had owned it since the 1960s when it was purchased from a coin dealer. Unique in private hands and preserved in the best of quality, this is one of the key pieces of George IV in the collection.
George IV died 26 June 1830

The Reign of King William IV (1830-1837)
House of Hanover

Born: 21 August 1765

Accession: 26 June 1830

Married: Adelaide of Saxe-Coburg and Meiningen, 11 July 1818
after first meeting a week before,
a double wedding with his brother,
Prince Edward the Duke of Kent.

Coronation: Thursday, 8 September 1831

Children: two daughters who both died in childhood,
ten illegitimate children previously

Died: 20 June 1837, aged 71

Extremely Rare William IV Barton's Metal Pattern Reverse Sovereign dated 1830

958 **William IV (1830-1837),** Uniface Pattern Reverse Striking of a Sovereign, 1830, struck in Barton's Metal, by Jean Baptiste Merlen, crowned shield of arms, quartered with the arms of Hanover as an escutcheon, eight harp strings, ANNO 1830 below, border beads with fine teeth surrounding, edge plain, showing copper as does plain side, 4.79g, 21.8mm (cf WR 260; Murdoch -). *Lightly toned, hairlined, practically as struck and extremely rare.* £1500-2000

ex Randy Weir Numismatics, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, purchased 14 July 2003
Very few other experimental patterns struck in Barton's metal exist for other denominations for William IV but seem rarer than those of George IV. Bartons Metal is gold electrolysed copper where a thin sheet of gold has been laid over a copper core and struck as method to show how a token coinage could be produced. The Deputy Comptroller of the mint at this time was John Barton (1771-1834) who was an engineer and responsible for inventing new more efficient machinery at the Royal Mint. Many of the new methods and machines were written up in detail in the Mechanic's Magazine, volume III – 1824 in issues 63-67. The Bartons Metal patterns of 1825 are all uniface obverse and reverse designs and are extremely rare.

Extremely Rare WW No Stops Sovereign, dated 1831
ex Douglas-Morris Collection

959 *G* **William IV,** "Proof" Sovereign, 1831, by William Wyon after Francis Chantrey's model, first bare head right with finer hair and round topped ear, WW incuse fully on truncation without stops, first W meets field, nose points to second N in BRITANNIAR, GULIELMUS IIII D: G: BRITANNIAR REX F: D:, second and third I missing top serifs, M in King's name mispunched on die and corrected, finer toothed border and raised rim both sides, *rev* struck with inverted die axis, by Jean Baptiste Merlen, crowned quartered shield of arms, with the arms of Hanover as an escutcheon, Irish arms with eight harp strings, ANNO 1831 below, finer taller border teeth, edge milled, 8.00g, 22mm (WR 262 R6; Douglas-Morris 180, *this coin*; S 3829A). *Heavily hairlined in fields, design with frosted elements, light raised die flaw in field by forehead, as defined on the coin on the Wilson Rasmussen plate, otherwise brilliant, good extremely fine and extremely rare.* £6000-8000

ex Capt K J Douglas-Morris collection, Sothebys, 26 November 1974, lot 180
ex Leu Numismatik, Zürich, Switzerland, 26 October 2004, lot 441
This coin was featured in the Douglas-Morris sale in 1974 as a proof and has been later included and illustrated in the Wilson and Rasmussen publication, also as a proof gold Sovereign with WW only on the truncation without stops. In this cataloguer's experience all the WW without stops seem to be struck to similar high quality, just like the coin offered in the next lot, which is another of this variety that was bought as the currency piece. This coin is also brilliant with raised rims but perhaps not as frosted and also missing the die flaw by the forehead in the field. It would seem the flaw by forehead is diagnostic of WR262 - the proof variety. It seems that the obverse die then had the flaw polished out and continued to be used for striking, rendering the later non-die flawed coins "proof-like" as struck from proof dies. Milled edge proofs at this period 1825-1839 do not seem to have bold square rims to their edges as some later proof coins do. However, they do have a rim that is proud of the field of the coin. Therefore, it is a case of two sub-varieties for a coin struck to superior definition to that seen in currency, but perhaps not as clear-cut a proof as, say, the 1832 proof offered in lot 961.
It is interesting to see that the second bust rendition was used for the proof coin, as issued for the Coronation proof sets in 1831. Most current coins of 1831 carry the first bust, while the second bust in currency for 1831 is extremely rare. Strangely the 1830 Pattern also carries the second bust portrait (see Bentley Collection, part two) and the 1832 proof offered as lot 961 carries the first bust. There are also extremely rare first bust Sovereigns of 1832 struck as currency. Therefore the chronology does not follow in reality as their referencing suggests. The second bust turned out to be the most prolific in this reign, being used consistently from 1832 till the end of the reign. Both busts must have been used concurrently at times but the only reason they can accurately be called first and second bust is based on when they were phased out rather than when they were first used. For further reading, see an article by Harold Mountain in the Spink Numismatic Circular October 1984, page 255, *Two Kinds of William IIII Sovereigns.*
The Coronation of William IV took place 8 September 1831 and all the denominations issued for the current new coinage for the Coronation year of William IV in 1831 were also produced to proof quality in Coronation proof sets. These undoubtedly were made to present to officials and VIPs, and, in addition to current 1831 dated denominations, included a proof gold Two Pounds and silver Crown, Halfcrown and Shilling that were not current that year. Additionally William Wyon himself would be able to supply proofs to whomever he pleased or to those who would commission him to do so.

The Very Rare WW No Stops Variety Sovereign of William IV, dated 1831

960 *G* **William IV,** Sovereign, 1831, by William Wyon after Francis Chantrey's model, first bare head right with finer hair and round topped ear, WW incuse fully on truncation without stops first W meets field, nose points to second N in BRITANNIAR, GULIELMUS IIII D: G: BRITANNIAR REX F: D:, second and third I missing top serifs, M in King's name mispunched on die and corrected, finer toothed border and raised rim both sides, *rev* struck with inverted die axis, by Jean Baptiste Merlen, crowned quartered shield of arms, with the arms of Hanover as an escutcheon, Irish arms with eight harp strings, ANNO 1831 below, date out of alignment, finer taller border teeth, edge milled, 8.00g, 22mm (Marsh 16A R5; cf MCE 489; S 3829A). *Lightly hairlined in fields, die flaw by forehead not evident, tiny black spot by top left lion on reverse, tiny scratch on cheek, design with less frosted elements than previous lot, though likely the proof obverse die was reused to strike this piece, proof-like, otherwise practically as struck and extremely rare.* £3000-4000

ex Randy Weir Numismatics, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, purchased 12 February 1993
Calendar year mintage 598,547

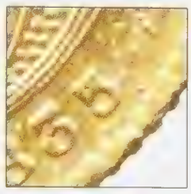
Extremely Rare William IV 1832 Proof Sovereign with First Bust

961 *G* **William IV,** Proof Sovereign, 1832, by William Wyon after Francis Chantrey's model, first bare head right with finer hair and round topped ear, W.W. incuse fully on truncation, first W meets field, nose points to second N in BRITANNIAR, GULIELMUS IIII D: G: BRITANNIAR REX F: D:, finer toothed border and raised rim both sides, *rev* struck with inverted die axis, by Jean Baptiste Merlen, crowned quartered shield of arms, with the arms of Hanover as an escutcheon, Irish arms with eight harp strings, ANNO 1831 below, lettering doubled, finer taller border teeth, edge milled, 7.97g, 22mm (WR 263 R7, *this coin*; Douglas-Morris -; S 3829). *Lightly hairlined in fields both sides, otherwise practically as struck and of highest rarity, only two examples known to cataloguer, this coin being the plate coin in Wilson and Rasmussen.* £10,000-15,000

ex Spink Auction 107, 22 November 1994, lot 428

962 *G* **William IV,** Sovereign, 1833, the second 3 die flawed and possibly over a 2, second bare head right, with flat topped ear, nose points to second I in legend, W.W. slightly doubled incuse on truncation, coarse border teeth, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms, with the arms of Hanover as an escutcheon, date below, doubled 33, fine border teeth, legend flawed, 7.94g (Marsh 18; MCE 491; S 3829B). *The date too worn to tell if overstruck conclusively, reverse die flawed in other parts, nearly very fine, reverse better, unusual.* £600-800

bought at London Coin Fair, June 2007, via A H Baldwin & Sons Ltd
Calendar year mintage 1,225,269

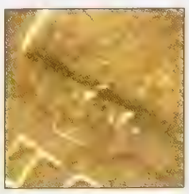


963 *G* **William IV,** Sovereign, 1835, 5 struck possibly over a 3 that is die flawed, second bare head right, W.W. slightly doubled incuse on truncation, B of legend with top half filled, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms, with the arms of Hanover as an escutcheon, date below, 7.99g (Marsh 19 R; MCE 492; S 3829B). *Struck from a rusted reverse die with many raised tiny spots on field, hence date variety inconclusive, good very fine, reverse better.* £600-800

Calendar year mintage 723,441
This year represents the second lowest calendar year mintage.

964 *G* **William IV,** Sovereign, 1836, second bare head right, W.W. incuse on truncation slightly doubled, only a trace of coarse border teeth, many teeth absent, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms, with the arms of Hanover as an escutcheon, date below, 36 die flawed, 7.99g (Marsh 20; MCE 493; S 3829B). *Softly struck in hair and top of ear flat, otherwise extremely fine, reverse better.* £1500-2000

ex Randy Weir Numismatics, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, purchased December 1990
Calendar year mintage 1,714,349



965 *G* **William IV,** Sovereign, 1837, second bare head right, W.W. slightly doubled incuse on truncation, lower part of WW open and "flows" into field, *rev* die axis slightly off-centre, crowned quartered shield of arms, with the arms of Hanover as an escutcheon, date below, lightly doubled, 7.98g (Marsh 21; MCE 494; S 3829B). *Hairlined, pleasing extremely fine and a rare date.* £1500-2000

bought A H Baldwin & Sons Ltd, August 2007
Calendar year mintage 1,172,984
William IV died 20 June 1837

The Reign of Queen Victoria (1837-1901)
House of Hanover

Born: 24 May 1819

Accession: 20 June 1837

Married: Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, 10 February 1840

Coronation: Thursday 28 June 1838

Children: four sons
five daughters

Died: 22 January 1901
aged 81

Extremely Rare Victoria Small Young Head Pattern Sovereign

966 *G* **Victoria (1837-1901),** Pattern Sovereign, 1837, engraved by William Wyon, small young head left, hair bound with two plain fillets, thinly defined ponytail hair with some disjointing, wispy lock of hair from head to ponytail halfway down, W.W. incuse on truncation, date below slightly double struck, rosette either side, fine toothed border and high raised rim both sides, VICTORIA DEI GRATIA more widely spaced from 8 to 4 o'clock, *rev* struck with inverted die axis, engraved by Jean Baptiste Merlen, crowned quartered narrow shield of arms within laurel wreath tied with bow below shield, twelve pearls on each arch of crown, four pearls vertically arranged on central upright, nine pellets visible on ermine below jewel band, laurel wreath each side consists of 30 leaves per side and terminates in three leaves at top, six harp strings in Irish arms, left string emanates from back of female figure, emblems below, rose at centre, thistle to left, shamrock to right, small rosette either side, BRITANNIARUM REGINA FID: DEF:, edge plain, 7.71g, 21.8mm (WR 298 R6; Montagu 1565; Murdoch 500; Douglas-Morris 200). *Lightly toned with light hairlines, tiny rim imperfection on the reverse, otherwise good extremely fine and extremely rare.*
£15,000-20,000

For a narrative on the initial pattern and currency Sovereign of Victoria's reign, see part one of the Bentley Collection, lots 33-35 and preamble.

This is considered to be the second obverse for the proposed pattern Sovereign for young Queen Victoria for which she granted William Wyon multiple portrait sittings. The obverse design has the same rendering as the head that is considered to be the first design, sold in part one of the Bentley Collection, lot 33. This second proposed pattern has the legend more widely spaced, though the date width is a little narrower. The reverse is the same design as lot 33 in the Bentley Collection and with the same die axis orientation.

Victoria 1838 Milled Edge Sovereign, Probably Struck From Proof Dies

967 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1838, first young head left, hair bound with double fillet, ponytail terminates in single curved strand of hair, W.W. raised on truncation, narrow date below, some light die flaws in last word of legend, border teeth very finely rendered on both sides, *rev* struck with inverted die axis, crowned shield of arms within laurel wreath, seven harp strings to Irish harp, emblems below, edge milled, 8.00g, 22.1mm (cf WR 300; S 3852). *Well defined striking with proof-like fields, no doubt struck from highly polished dies, but impaired with multiple hairlines, rim knock, some signs of polishing, extremely fine and extremely rare.* £4000-5000

bought A H Baldwin & Sons Ltd, March 2006
Only discovered in the last ten years, the 1838 milled edge proof Sovereign does not exist in true FDC condition. The finest known and initial discovery piece was recently sold on the A H Baldwin Winter Fixed Price List 2012 for £17,500. This slightly lesser coin was the second piece to come to light and is certainly struck from the same proof dies, if somewhat impaired.

Off-centre Die Axis Victoria Sovereign of 1838 of Superb Quality

968 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1838, struck with an off-centre die axis, first young head left, hair bound with double fillet, ponytail terminates in thicker upper strand of hair, W.W. raised on truncation, wider date below very lightly double struck as is legend, *rev* die alignment off-centre by 45°, crowned shield of arms within laurel wreath, emblems below, edge milled, 7.99g (Marsh 22 R; MCE 499; S 3852). *Light surface marks and hairlines, good extremely fine and one of the finest off-centre die strikes the cataloguer has seen for a Sovereign.* £3000-3500

bought A H Baldwin & Sons Ltd, July 2006
Calendar year mintage 2,718,694
For further information on the first young head of Queen Victoria, please refer to part one of the Bentley Collection, preamble to lot 33.

Pleasing Victoria 1839 Proof Sovereign

969 *G* **Victoria,** Proof Sovereign, 1839, first young head left, finely engraved hair bound with double fillet, ponytail terminates in single curved strand of hair, date below, date and legend lightly double struck as well as fine border teeth, penultimate A of legend unbarred, last A with partial bar, hair at bun of a coarser weaker rendering, *rev* struck with inverted die axis, crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, wreath of 24 leaves each side, each terminate with two leaves at top, eleven pearls on each arch of crown, five pearls vertically arranged on central upright, top of wreath each side terminates in two leaves, seven harp strings in Irish Arms, first left string from scroll at back of female figure, emblems below, absent serif on upper left of second I of BRITANNIARUM, edge plain, 7.91g, 21.9mm (WR 303; Douglas-Morris 203; S 3852). *Very light hairlines both sides, otherwise very pleasing, practically as struck.* £4000-5000

For a narrative footnote about the 1839 proof sovereigns, please see part one of the Bentley Collection, lot 39

Extremely Rare High Grade 1841 Sovereign with Unbarred A's in Legend

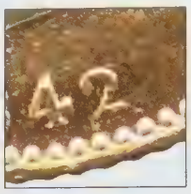
970 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1841, first young head left, no single strand of hair at terminal of ponytail which is disjointed, date below, toothed border both sides, unbarred A's in GRATIA, *rev* struck with inverted die axis, crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel, emblems below, 7.98g (Marsh 24 R3; MCE 501; S 3852). *Raised die flaw on crown on the reverse, some very light bagmarks, otherwise practically extremely fine, reverse stronger, the key date for the London young head currency series, and the third finest the cataloguer has seen, extremely rare.* £10,000-15,000

ex Randy Weir Numismatics, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, purchased September 1990
Calendar year mintage 124,054

This coin exhibits a weaker rendering of the ponytail terminal, which in the first smaller young head usually has a single curving strand of hair to finish it off, and with the two multi-strand turnings of hair above fully jointed. This 1841 Sovereign does not have the single strand termination and shows a multi-strand ending at the part above. The part above that is only partially joined on one side rather than both. This weaker rendering occurs very rarely.
There being no sovereigns minted bearing the date 1840, the whole calendar year figure presumably represents 1841 dated coins only, though unspent 1839 dies may have continued at first this is unlikely due to the gap in production.
With a relatively low mintage, the 1841 Sovereign does not survive in any quantity, the supply of this date in the coin market has always been out-stripped by demand and examples in recent years for sale have been few and far between. When offered for sale by auction the 1841 Sovereign has seen higher and higher prices recently, as was seen for a mint state example at Bonham's in December 2011 which sold for £34,800, including premium.
Even though few coins exist there are two significant varieties, the full letter A's in the last word on the obverse and the unbarred A variety, only noted and published with the last decade. The Bentley Collection contains both varieties, this is the better quality example unbarred A variety.

For further reading on the 1841 Sovereign see footnotes to lot 41 in part one of the Bentley Collection.

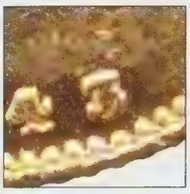
Very Nice Victoria 1842 Sovereign with Open 2



971 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1842, open 2 in date, first young head left, ponytail terminates in single curved strand of hair, date below, tall sharp pointed 4, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, emblems below, edge milled, 7.97g (Marsh 25; MCE 502; S 3852). *Once cleaned, scuffed very fine and very rare.* £600-800

ex St James's Auction 6, 9 June 2007, lot 531
Calendar year mintage 4,865,375
The more significant variety of 1842 is the rarer open 2 type where the curve of the top of the 2 is not so rounded and shorter. The 4 in this date variety is also a taller and sharper topped figure than the normal 1842 date. Marsh does not list any of the varieties of 1842 in his publication as these have only been noted in the last decade.
For further reading on date varieties of 1842 Sovereign see footnote to lot 42 in part one of the Bentley Collection.

Rare Victoria 1843 Overdate Sovereign



972 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1843, 3 struck over a 2 or rotated 2, first young head left, ponytail terminates in single curved strand of hair, date below, shorter stubby 4 in date spread away from 3, O of Queen's name with slight break at lower right from die, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, emblems below, 7.98g (cf Marsh 26B R5; MCE 503; S 3852). *Cleaned, light surface marks, very fine and very rare.* £600-800

bought A H Baldwin & Sons Ltd, 28 July 2010
Calendar year mintage 5,981,968
This extremely rare overdate was only discovered in 1980 by the late Michael Marsh, according to his publication. From the scant few survivors evident it is therefore likely that only one or perhaps two obverse dies dated 1842 were in serviceable enough use at the end of their production run not to be scrapped and overstruck with the new date figure 3 to continue into the issue of 1843 dated sovereigns. This example does not appear to be a straight forward 2, but one that is perhaps slightly rotated.
For other examples of date varieties of 1843 Sovereigns see lots 43 and 44 in part one of Bentley Collection.

Rare Victoria 1843 Sovereign with Roman Style I for 1 in Date

973 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1843, Roman letter I in date for figure 1, first young head left, ponytail terminates in single curved strand of hair, date below, T of Queen's name die flawed, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, emblems below, upper left serif of second I of legend broken off, 7.98g (cf Marsh 26; MCE 503; S 3852). *Cleaned, some heavy scuffs and surface marks, bold very fine and very rare.* £800-1000

ex St James's Auction 6, 9 June 2007, lot 533
Calendar year mintage 5,981,968
The third ranked of the more interesting varieties of 1843 Sovereign after the narrow shield and overdate varieties, it is interesting to note that a true capital letter I punch has been used instead of an Arabic figure 1 to date the obverse die. Some of the other so-called "Roman I" date varieties are actually Arabic 1's over inverted Arabic 1's there are not so many that are a true letter I punch. Again this is another sign of how the quality of the engraving was becoming more careless at this time, but not too serious as to not make it into circulation. The variety for 1843 discovered only in the last ten years, therefore not described by Marsh for this date.
For other examples of date varieties of 1843 Sovereigns see lots 43 and 44 in part one of Bentley Collection.

Victoria 1844 Sovereign with Normal Date Arrangement

974 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1844, first young head left, no single strand of hair at terminal of ponytail which is partly disjointed, date below, date evenly spread, 44 smaller than 18, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, emblems below, upper left serif of second I absent and foot of previous N in BRITANNIARUM, 7.95g (Marsh 27; MCE 505; S 3852). *Scratch above head, other heavy surface marks and scuffs, otherwise good fine.* £250-300

Bought A H Baldwin & Sons Ltd, June 2008
Calendar year mintage 3,000,445
For further reading on date varieties of 1844 Sovereigns see footnotes to lots 46 and 47 in part one of the Bentley Collection.

The Very Rare 4 Over Inverted 4 Date Variety Victoria 1844 Sovereign

975 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1844, first 4 struck over inverted 4, small close date, first young head left, date below, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, emblems below, upper left serif of second I absent and foot of previous N in BRITANNIARUM, 7.96g (Marsh 27A R2; MCE 505; S 3852). *Surface marks, bold very fine and extremely rare.* £1000-1200

ex Spink and Son Ltd, July 2004
Calendar year mintage 3,800,845
This is the most spectacular variety shared by 1844, 1845 and 1846 Sovereigns, and the overstrike and undertype are very apparent and clear on the example offered here.
The variety was first discovered on the 1844 version way back in September 1974 when a certain "Goldfinger" wrote to the Spink Numismatic Circular (page 341) alerting readers to the variety with a clear illustration.
Most collectors ask how such a striking can occur. This is due to a true engraver's error, punching in the date, the 4 punch was obviously entered inverted on the first attempt and then shoddily corrected with a second punching over the top. In the numismatic trade such errors and corrections are fondly referred to as "after lunch" coins, in that it is assumed the engraver made such an error for today's collectors to enjoy, when working after a hearty lunch and maybe having imbibed too much ale. More likely though was that it was perhaps easy to mistake the orientation of the 4 punch, or perhaps working under candle-light or the poorer light of a dark day such a mistake could occur. The fact that the error and correction exists for three consecutive years suggests someone working at the Mint may have made the same mistake three times, and another sign of workmanship slipping, though at least it was corrected before any coins could be struck for circulation. This variety remains very elusive.
For further reading on date varieties of 1844 Sovereigns see footnotes to lots 46 and 47 in part one of the Bentley Collection.

Victoria 1845 Sovereign with Inverted, or Top-Heavy 8 in Date

976 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1845, spread date with flat-topped 8 with larger upper loop than lower, perhaps inverted, first young head left, date below, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, emblems below, 7.93g (Marsh 28; MCE 506; S 3852). *Heavily surface marked in fields, good fine and unusual.* £300-400

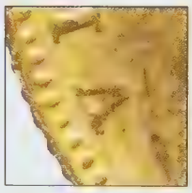
bought A H Baldwin & Sons Ltd, June 2008
Calendar year mintage 3,800,845
This unusual variety appears to have the figure 8 inverted in the date. Note that the weight of this coin is on the limit of what was legally acceptable for trade at face value according to the Acts of Coinage 1816-70. Jean Baptiste Merlen had been superannuated from the Mint in July 1844 at the age of 75 so all die work on reverses from 1845 can be considered firmly as being "after" J B Merlen.
For further reading on varieties of 1845 Sovereigns see part one of the Bentley Collection, footnotes to lots 48-51

Obverse Legend with E Over Tilted E in DEI

977 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1845, spread date, first young head left, date below, E of DEI over a tilted E, last A of legend filled, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, emblems below, 7.97g (Marsh 28; MCE 506; S 3852). *Surface marks, good fine and unusual.* £250-300

ex Paul Davies Ltd, Ilkley, via A H Baldwin & Sons Ltd, October 2006
Calendar year mintage 3,800,845
For further reading on varieties of 1845 Sovereigns see part one of the Bentley Collection, footnotes to lots 48-51

1845 Sovereign with Angled Date



978 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1845, spread date in an arc, 4 weak and die flawed, larger 5, first young head left, date below, V of Queen's name very weakly rendered, last of legend filled, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, emblems below, some letters of legend a little weak, 8.00g (Marsh 28; MCE 506; S 3852). *Weak on harp on the reverse, some die flaws and surface marks, scuff on neck, otherwise extremely fine and unusual.* £600-800

bought Spink and Son Ltd, January 2005
Calendar year mintage 3,800,845
For further reading on varieties of 1845 Sovereigns see part one of the Bentley Collection, footnotes to lots 48-51

Rare Victoria 1846 Sovereign with 1 Over Inverted 1 in Date

979 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1846, figure 1 in date over inverted 1 giving impression of a Roman I, date doubled, 6 bulbous, first young head left, date below, Queen's name lightly die flawed, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, emblems below, broken foot on first N of legend, flaw by third R, broken limb on last E with F doubled, 7.99g (cf Marsh 29; MCE 507; S 3852). *Heavily cleaned, some heavy surface marks and edge bruise, otherwise nearly extremely fine and very rare.* £600-800

bought Spink and Son Ltd, May 2005
Calendar year mintage 5,981,968
The second most interesting variety of 1846 Sovereign, after the 4 over inverted 4 variety. It will be noted the "Roman I" is actually a product of a figure 1 at first being entered upon the die inverted and then corrected with one the right way up, giving a serif at all four corners, albeit with the upper right one being the one underneath and therefore with a step down from the correct figure on top. Again this is another sign of how the quality of the engraving was becoming more careless at this time, but not too serious as to not make it into circulation. The variety for 1846 discovered only in the last ten years and therefore not described by Marsh for this date.
For further reading on varieties of 1846 Sovereigns see part one of the Bentley Collection, footnote to lot 52

Rare Victoria 1847 Sovereign with 1 Over Inverted 1 in Date

980 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1847, figure 1 in date over inverted 1 giving impression of a Roman I, the inverted 1 appears to be on top of the correct 1, 4 doubled therefore appears quite tall, first young head left, date below, Queen's name lightly die flawed, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, emblems below, broken foot on first N of legend, flaw by third R, broken limb on last E with F doubled, 7.92g (cf Marsh 30; MCE 508; S 3852). *Light surface marks and rim nick, cleaned, almost fine to fine and very unusual.* £300-500

bought Spink and Son Ltd, May 2005
Calendar year mintage 5,981,968
Perhaps the most interesting variety of 1847 Sovereign. It will be noted the "Roman I" is actually a product of a figure 1 over another of the opposite inversion. However in this case the inverted figure appears to be over a correctly placed 1. The lower left serif being the one that steps down from the figure on top, indicating the correct figure underneath. This may well have been an attempt to correct the die that had the broken lower right serif that had been used for other 1847 Sovereigns, an example of which was sold in the Bentley Collection previously, lot 409. This is another sign of how the quality of the engraving was becoming more careless at this time, but not too serious as to not make it into circulation. The variety for 1847 discovered only in the last ten years and therefore not described by Marsh for this date. Note the weight of this coin is under the limit of what was legally acceptable for trade at face value according to the Acts of Coinage 1816-70.
For further reading on varieties of 1847 Sovereigns see part one of the Bentley Collection, footnote to lot 54

Contemporary Copper Imitation of a Sovereign, dated 1847

981 **Victoria,** Trial Sovereign, 1847, struck in copper, after William Wyon, coarse second larger style young head left, with thin double fillet in hair ruled with double incuse lines, open inner ear, hair bun touches G of legend, W.W. raised on truncation, date below, squat type 4 with double serif in date, toothed border both sides separate from rim, VICTORIA DEI GRATIA, *rev* struck with inverted die axis, crowned shield of arms within laurel wreath tied with bow below shield, six harp strings in thinner harp, lions in shield disjointed, emblems below, ribbons closer to emblems, small rosette either side, BRITANNIARUM REGINA FID: DEF:, first A with raised die flaw, edge milled, 4.62g, 22.4mm. *Black spot by date, good extremely fine and unusual.* £300-500

Possibly a fantasy or forger's piece, or maybe an apprentice's rendering for the second larger bust that followed in 1848. From the crudity of the design and inconsistency of it, compared to Mint product, it most likely is a forgery which, when covered with a thin layer of gilding, could pass as a Sovereign to the unwary.

1848 Sovereign with Bulbous 4 in Date

982 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1848, unusual rendering of 4 with bulbous top, second larger young head left, hair bound with double fillet, W.W. raised on truncation, legend surrounding, date below, squat 4 with flawed top, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, F of FID doubled, 7.97g (Marsh 31; MCE 509; S 3852C). *Cleaned with surface marks, otherwise very fine and unusual.* £300-400

ex St James's Auction 11, 8 May 2009, lot 401
Calendar year mintage 2,246,701
This is the most prolific of the 1848 coins carrying the new second larger young head, albeit with some doubling of date and legend. The change occurred, perhaps, for the reasons discussed in the introduction to the second young head of Queen Victoria in part one of the Bentley Collection, before lot 56. See also "a note on varieties" in the introduction, specifically the part about dual-hubbed dies which is responsible for the doubling of date and legend.

983 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1848, second larger young head left, hair bound with double fillet, W.W. raised on truncation, legend surrounding, date below, neater pointed 4, second and third I's of legend and first T and R without lower left serifs, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, emblems below, weak top to last E of legend, weak upper serif to first I of legend, 7.92g (Marsh 31; MCE 509; S 3852C). *Cleaned with surface marks, otherwise good fine and unusual.* £250-300

bought Paul Davies Ltd, via A H Baldwin & Sons Ltd, October 2006
Calendar year mintage 2,246,701
It is interesting to note that the weight of this coin in its lower grade is under the legal tender limit as dictated by the Coinage Acts of 1816-1891.
For further comment on the introduction of the second young head see part one of the Bentley Collection, before lot 56

1849 Sovereign with Small Date

984 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1849, second larger young head left, date below, clear date with bulbed 9 nearly closed, neater 4, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, emblems below, flawed A in first word of reverse legend, third I with weak lower serif, 7.97g (Marsh 32 R; MCE 510; S 3852C). *Cleaned, rim nick, very fine.* £250-300

bought A H Baldwin & Sons Ltd, 28 July 2010
Calendar year mintage 1,755,399
For further reading on varieties of 1849 Sovereigns see part one of the Bentley Collection, footnotes to lots 57 and 58

985 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1850, second larger young head left, date below, die flaw from 0 of date to neck, doubled legend, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, emblems below, third I of legend with no upper left serif, 7.94g (Marsh 33 R; MCE 511; S 3852C). *Cleaned, nearly very fine.* £250-300

ex St James's Auction 11, 8 May 2009, lot 402
Calendar year mintage 1,402,039
For further reading on varieties of 1850 Sovereigns see part one of the Bentley Collection, footnotes to lots 59 to 61

Dramatic 1850 Sovereign with 5 Clearly Over the 8 of the Date

986 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1850, 5 struck over 8, second larger young head left, date below, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, emblems below, 7.97g (cf Marsh 33 R; MCE 511; S 3852C). *Cleaned, good very fine and of the highest rarity, the cataloguer has only heard of one other specimen extant, extremely rare.* £1000-1500

ex Clark Smith collection, San Rafael, California, July 2010
Calendar year mintage 1,402,039
This is one of the most recent discoveries in the Sovereign series, first noted about 8 years ago. The Bentley collector had to wait some five years before finally acquiring this piece nearly three years ago.
The product of an engraver's error, the date figure 5 was punched in at first as an 8 and had to be corrected. In the numismatic trade such errors and corrections are fondly referred to as "after lunch" coins, in that it is assumed the engraver made such an error when working after a hearty lunch and maybe having imbibed too much ale. More likely though was that it was perhaps easy to mistake the 5 punch for an 8, or perhaps working under candle-light or the poorer light of a dark day such a mistake could occur. This variety remains most elusive.
For further reading on varieties of 1850 Sovereigns see part one of the Bentley Collection, footnotes to lots 59 to 61

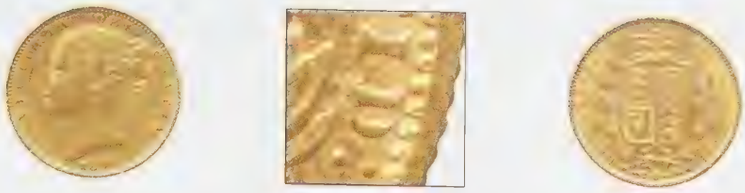
1851 Sovereign with 5 Struck Over a Lower 5 in Date

987 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1851, 5 struck over a lower 5, spread date between 18 and 51, second larger young head left, date below, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, emblems below, 7.98g (Marsh 34; MCE 512; S 3852C). *A few trifling hairlines, otherwise good extremely fine.* £400-500

Calendar year mintage 4,013,624
For further reading on variety of 1851 Sovereigns see part one of the Bentley Collection, footnote to lot 62

988 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1852, 5 struck over a lower 5, date doubled, second larger young head left, date below, legend lightly doubled, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, emblems below, light raised die flaws rose and between R and G in legend, 8.00g (Marsh 35; MCE 513; S 3852C). *Lightly hairlined, good extremely fine.* £500-600

Calendar year mintage 8,053,435
For further reading on varieties of 1852 Sovereigns see part one of the Bentley Collection, footnotes to lots 63 and 64



989 𝒢 **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1852, second larger young head left, date below, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, emblems below, penultimate D over a lower D in legend, 7.92g (Marsh 35; MCE 513; S 3852C). *Short scratch in obverse field, otherwise good fine.* £250-300

ex G K Coins, London, early 2005
Calendar year mintage 8,053,435
It is interesting to note that the weight of this coin in its lower grade is under the legal tender limit as dictated by the Coinage Acts of 1816-1891.
For further reading on varieties of 1852 Sovereigns see part one of the Bentley Collection, footnotes to lots 63 and 64

990 𝒢 **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1853, wide spread date, second larger young head left, W.W. raised on truncation, date below slightly out of line, legend doubled especially DEI, raised die flaw at end of legend, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, emblems below, 7.97g (Marsh 36; MCE 514; S 3852C). *Some light bagmarks, mainly on neck, otherwise good extremely fine.* £400-500

Calendar year mintage 10,597,993
For further reading on varieties of 1853 Sovereigns see part one of the Bentley Collection, footnotes to lots 65 to 69

991 𝒢 **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1853, 3 struck over a 5, second larger young head left, W.W. raised on truncation, obverse slightly double struck, raised die flaw from tip of truncation to rim, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, emblems below, 7.96g (cf Marsh 36; MCE 514; S 3852C). *With a clear overstrike, heavily surface marked and scuffed, otherwise about very fine and unusual, very rare.* £400-600

ex St James's Auction 13, 6 May 2010, lot 979, erroneously catalogued as 5 over 3
Calendar year mintage 10,597,993
The product of an engraver's error, the date figure 3 was punched in at first as an 5 and had to be corrected. In the numismatic trade such errors and corrections are fondly referred to as "after lunch" coins, in that it is assumed the engraver made such an error when working after a hearty lunch and maybe having imbibed too much ale. More likely though was that it was perhaps easy to mistake the 3 punch for an 5, or perhaps working under candle-light or the poorer light of a dark day such a mistake could occur. This variety remains quite elusive.
For further reading on varieties of 1853 Sovereigns see part one of the Bentley Collection, footnotes to lots 65 to 69

1853 Sovereign with Wide Date

992 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1853, second larger young head left, W.W. raised on truncation, obverse slightly double struck, raised die flaw in date, first I of Queen's name over a higher I, last A of legend die flawed to rim, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, emblems below, whole reverse lightly double struck, 7.98g (Marsh 36; MCE 514; S 3852C). *Some light nicks and scratches, otherwise lightly toned with underlying brilliance, about extremely fine.* £300-400

Calendar year mintage 10,597,993
For further reading on varieties of 1853 Sovereigns see part one of the Bentley Collection, footnotes to lots 65 to 69

Rare 1853 Victoria WW Incuse Sovereign with Roman Style I for 1 in Date

993 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1853, figure 1 in date over inverted 1 giving impression of a Roman I, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, obverse legend double struck, raised die flaw from tip of truncation to rim, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, emblems below, 7.96g (cf Marsh 36; MCE 514; S 3852C). *Cleaned with surface marks and heavy hairlines, otherwise good very fine and very rare.* £800-1000

ex St James's Auction 5, 27 September 2006, lot 611
Calendar year mintage 10,597,993
The most interesting variety of 1853 Sovereign with rare incuse WW. It will be noted the "Roman I" is actually a product of a figure 1 at first being entered upon the die inverted and then corrected with one the right way up, giving a serif at all four corners, albeit with the upper right one being the one underneath and therefore with a step down from the correct figure on top. Again this is another sign of how the quality of the engraving was becoming more careless at this time, but not too serious as to not make it into circulation. The variety for 1853 discovered only in the last ten years and therefore not described by Marsh for this date.
For further reading on varieties of 1853 Sovereigns see part one of the Bentley Collection, footnotes to lots 65 to 69

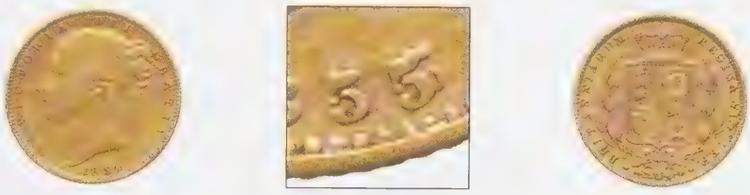
Very Rare 1854 Sovereign C Over Rotated C in VICTORIA

994 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1854, letter C over rotated C in Queen's name, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, spread date with crosslet 4, flaw between 1 and 8 of date, further flaw in last I of legend, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, emblems below, 7.99g (cf Marsh 37; MCE 515; S 3852D). *Light surface marks on obverse, otherwise extremely fine and extremely rare.* £1000-1200

ex St James's Auction 13, 6 May 2010, lot 975
Calendar year mintage 3,589,611
The WW incuse variety for 1854 is that which is usually encountered for this date. When preparing this die the engraver must have first sunk the letter C punch a full right angle or two out of usual alignment which then had to be corrected with the letter C the right way up.
For further reading on varieties of 1854 Sovereigns see part one of the Bentley Collection, footnote to lot 70

995 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1855, the 5's of date dis-jointed, WW incuse on truncation without stops, second larger young head left, date below, legend lightly double struck, penultimate A unbarred, no serif to lower part of first I and R in legend and die flaw to left of first letter T, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, emblems below, 7.99g (Marsh 38; MCE 516; S 3852C). *Cleaned with associated surface marks, extremely fine.* £300-400

ex St James's Auction 13, 6 May 2010, lot 982
Calendar year mintage 8,448,482
The WW incuse variety for 1855 is that which is usually encountered for this date which is relatively common due to the high calendar year mintage.
For further reading on varieties of 1855 Sovereigns see part one of the Bentley Collection, footnotes to lots 72 to 74



996 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1855, second 5 of date over a smaller 5, the 5's disconnected, WW incuse on truncation without stops, second larger young head left, date below, legend lightly double struck, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, emblems below, 7.89g (Marsh 38; MCE 516; S 3852C). *Cleaned with associated surface marks, the doubled 5 very clear and unusual, fair to fine.* £250-300

ex Paul Davies Ltd, Ilkley, via A H Baldwin & Sons Ltd, January 2008
Calendar year mintage 8,448,482
The WW incuse variety for 1855 is that which is usually encountered for this date and is relatively common due to the high calendar year mintage. It is also interesting to note that the weight of this coin in its lower grade is under the legal tender limit as dictated by the Coinage Acts of 1816-1891.
For further reading on varieties of 1855 Sovereigns see part one of the Bentley Collection, footnotes to lots 72 to 74

997 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1856, WW incuse on truncation without stops, second larger young head left, date below, doubled with curvy 6 with bulbous top, last word of legend doubled, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, emblems below, legend slightly doubled, 7.97g (Marsh 39; MCE 517; S 3852D). *Scratch across mouth, cleaned with surface marks, good fine.* £250-300

ex AH Baldwin and Sons Ltd, November 2008
Calendar year mintage 4,806,160
The calendar year mintage is nearly halved from the previous year but still on the high side, however there are not as many varieties as one would expect when comparing with previous similar mintage years within the scope of the Bentley Collection.
For further reading on varieties of 1856 Sovereigns see part one of the Bentley Collection, footnote to lot 75

1857 Sovereign with Flawed 7 in Date Like a Triangle

998 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1857, normal date figures, with 7 quite die flawed and closed so it appears like a triangle, WW incuse on truncation without stops, second larger young head left, date below, some letters of legend out of rotational alignment, last A of legend quite die flawed, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, emblems below, 7.93g (Marsh 40; MCE 518; S 3852D). *Cleaned, now toned with surface marks, otherwise good fine and unusual.* £250-300

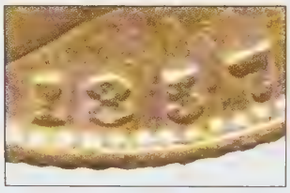
ex AH Baldwin and Sons Ltd, April 2009
Calendar year mintage 4,495,748
It is interesting to note that the weight of this coin in its lower grade is upon the legal tender limit as dictated by the Coinage Acts of 1816-1891.
Examples of both the spread and normal dates were sold in part one of the Bentley Collection, lots 77 and 78

1857 Sovereign with 5 Struck Over a Lower 5 in Date

999 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1857, normal date figures, 5 over a lower 5 with a tail to 7, WW incuse on truncation without stops, second larger young head left, date below, some letters of legend out of rotational alignment, with some doubling, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, emblems below, 7.95g (Marsh 40; MCE 518; S 3852D). *Toned with surface marks, otherwise good fine.* £250-300

ex AH Baldwin and Sons Ltd, March 2006
Calendar year mintage 4,495,748
Examples of both the spread and normal dates were sold in part one of the Bentley Collection, lots 77 and 78

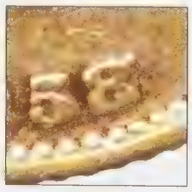
1857 Sovereign with Spread Date



1000 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1857, spread date figures, die flawed 5 with angled top, and figure 7 distant from one another, WW incuse on truncation without stops, second larger young head left, date below, some letters of legend out of rotational alignment, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, emblems below, 7.95g (Marsh 40; MCE 518; S 3852D). *Once cleaned with scuffs and surface marks, otherwise good fine.* £250-300

ex Paul Davies Ltd, Ilkley, via A H Baldwin & Sons Ltd, June 2008
Calendar year mintage 4,495,748
Examples of both the spread and normal dates were sold in part one of the Bentley Collection, lots 77 and 78

1858 Sovereign with Second 8 Struck Over a 7 in Date



1001 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1858, with second 8 struck over a 7, WW incuse on truncation without stops, second larger young head left, date below, C of Queen's name out of rotational alignment, penultimate A of legend unbarred, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, emblems below, 7.99g (cf Marsh 41 R; MCE 519; S 3852D). *Once cleaned, lightly hairlined, fine, reverse better and very rare.* £300-400

ex Spink and Son Ltd, March 2005
Calendar year mintage 803,234
Not listed by Marsh, the 8 over 7 overdate is a relatively recent discovery and very seldom encountered. The only evidence of the 7 under the 8 is the top right where the "elbow" of the upper right of the 7 is revealed. This is how an 8 over 7 appears in other coinages, such as the Jubilee head shilling of 1888 which all appear to be overdates and even the Oliver Cromwell Crown of 1658.
A dramatically lower calendar year mintage figure than previous years, in fact the fourth lowest for the Victoria shield London series, and only seven times higher than the 1841 output. The 1858 Sovereign can be considered rare but does seem to be readily available. This is either because of a high survival rate, perhaps a quantity of the issue was hoarded, coming to the market place many years later, or some of the 1859 output was dated 1858. However the 1859 output is not that high either being not even double that of 1858. The hoarding theory is more likely.
For further reading on varieties of 1858 Sovereigns see part one of the Bentley Collection, footnote to lot 79

1858 Sovereign with Unbarred A's in Obverse Legend

1002 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1858, unbarred A's in last word of legend, WW incuse on truncation without stops, second larger young head left, weakly struck rear to hair bun, date below, incomplete 5 in date, weak top to first E in legend, R of Queen's name doubled, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, emblems below, M of legend doubled, 7.98g (Marsh 41 R; MCE 519; S 3852D). *Scuffed with surface marks, good fine, reverse better, about very fine, rare.* £300-400

Calendar year mintage 803,234
For further reading on varieties of 1858 Sovereigns see part one of the Bentley Collection, footnote to lot 79

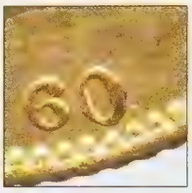
1003 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1859, higher 59 in date, WW incuse on truncation without stops, second larger young head left, date below, 9 over a lower 9, the 5 disjointed, R of Queen's name out of rotational alignment, first E of legend doubled, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, emblems below, die flaw in first T and M of legend with some doubling, 7.97g (Marsh 42; MCE 520; S 3852D). *Some light deposit on reverse legend, cleaned with light surface marks, deep scratch on neck, otherwise about very fine.* £250-300

ex Douro Cargo, Spink Auction 118, 20-21 November 1996, lot 391 (part)
ex Spink Numismatic Circular, July 1998, item 4725
Calendar year mintage 1,547,603
Another low mintage, though this figure was quite normal when you look at, say, the reign of William IV. The calendar year output also includes 167,539 Sovereigns of the "Ansell" variety with the extra line in the lower hair fillet.
For further reading on varieties of 1859 Sovereigns see part one of the Bentley Collection, footnote to lot 80

1004 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1860, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top, 60 higher than 18, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, second I of legend missing lower right serif and R with lower left serif absent, no lower left serifs to letters in second word, unbarred first A in last word of legend, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, emblems below, no lower left serif to last I of legend, 7.95g (Marsh 43; MCE 521; S 3852D). *Once cleaned, good fine with associated surface marks.* £250-300

ex St James's Auction 11, 8 May 2009, lot 407
Calendar year mintage 2,555,958
As we enter the 1860s we start to find more engraving oddities than ever as the quality of workmanship in the gold striking department seems to become more lax, which may part-explain why the introduction of the die number system occurred, as a means of new quality control. Once that occurred, engraving errors suddenly seem to all but disappear, as has been demonstrated in other parts of the chronology of the Bentley Collection.
1860 marks the year that James Wyon retires as resident engraver at the Mint and is succeeded by his son George Wyon.

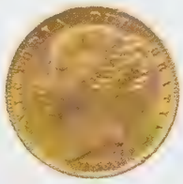
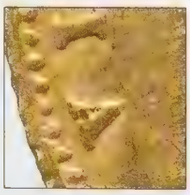
1860 Sovereign with Large 0 in Date



1005 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1860, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top, larger taller 0 in date, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, emblems below, E of second word over a higher E, 7.95g (Marsh 43; MCE 521; S 3852D). *Some surface marks, almost very fine, reverse better.* £250-300

ex DNW auction, 7 October 2003, lot 489, bought via Spink and Son Ltd
Calendar year mintage 2,555,958
For further reading on varieties of 1860 Sovereigns see the Bentley Collection part two, footnote to lot 427-428

1860 Sovereign with Inverted A for V in Queen's Name

1006 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1860, letter o for 0 in date, inverted A for V in Queen's name, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, raised die flaw to left of 1 in date, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, emblems below, E of second word over a higher E, 7.94g (cf Marsh 43; MCE 521; S 3852D). *Heavily surface marked, cleaned fine, very rare and unusual.* £800-1000

ex Noble Investments plc, 21 November 2005
Calendar year mintage 2,555,958
Another variety only discovered in the last decade since the publication of Marsh's *The Gold Sovereign*. This most interesting variety is still only demonstrated by a few specimens. The engraver in haste, or due to lack of sharpness in eyesight, or daylight, has obviously selected an A punch rather than a V when stamping in the letters onto the obverse die, or perhaps the correct punch could not be located in the time allowed. He and his superiors either never noticed, and / or could not afford to waste a valuable die for a tiny error the legacy of which has passed to us as an interesting true variety in the coinage of 1860. Interestingly it must have occurred on at least two obverse dies for 1860 as this is one of two variations of the inverted A for V in the Bentley Collection. The piece here has a letter "o" for "0" in the date, the other piece previously sold, lot 83 for £900, had the inversion coupled with a Roman style I in the date.

1861 Sovereign with T Over a Tilted T in Queen's Name

1007 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1861, T over a tilting T in Queen's name, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, emblems below, last A of second word doubled, 7.95g (Marsh 44; MCE 522; S 3852D). *Once cleaned, with hairlines and surface marks, otherwise very fine, unusual.* £300-400

ex St James's Auction 5, 27 September 2006, lot 629
Calendar year mintage 7,624,736
Another variety of legend with double punched letters in places, some more carelessly applied than others and with the T of VICTORIA correctly punched over the top of a quite tilted letter T at a diagonal angle.
For further reading on varieties of 1861 Sovereigns see part one of the Bentley Collection, footnote to lot 84-90

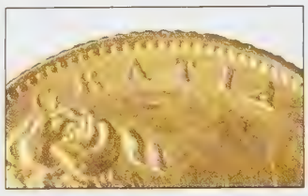
1008 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1861, spread date lightly doubled, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, die flaw at first 1 of date, first four letters of legend doubled, the first I over a higher I, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, emblems below, last A of second word doubled, 7.97g (Marsh 44; MCE 522; S 3852D). *Scratch beside* 1 *of date, cleaned with surface marks, very fine.* £250-300

ex St James's Auction 6, 8 June 2007, lot 559
Calendar year mintage 7,624,736
For further reading on varieties of 1861 Sovereigns see part one of the Bentley Collection, footnote to lot 84-90

1009 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1861, curvy open 6 in date, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, D of second word over a lower D, doubled date and legend, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, emblems below, heavy raised die flaw to left of rose, 7.97g (Marsh 44; MCE 522; S 3852D). *Cleaned, mainly on obverse, with surface marks, almost extremely fine.* £300-400

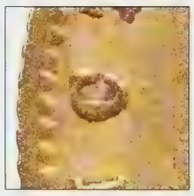
ex Paul Davies Ltd, Ilkley, via Spink and Son Ltd, January 2005
Calendar year mintage 7,624,736
For further reading on varieties of 1861 Sovereigns see part one of the Bentley Collection, footnote to lot 84-90

1861 Sovereign with Unbarred A in GRATIA



1010 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1861, curvy closed 6 in date, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, 6 of date flawed shut, no lower serifs to first I and R of legend with some doubling, penultimate A of legend unbarred, other serifs in legend weak, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, emblems below, 7.97g (Marsh 44; MCE 522; S 3852D). *A little scuffed with surface marks, almost extremely fine.* £300-400

ex St James's Auction 6, 8 June 2007, lot 558
Calendar year mintage 7,624,736
For further reading on varieties of 1861 Sovereigns see part one of the Bentley Collection, footnote to lot 84-90



1011 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1861, curvy open 6 in date, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, third I of legend without lower left serif, die flaw in first C of legend, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, emblems below, first N in legend doubled, 7.95g (Marsh 44; MCE 522; S 3852D). *A little scuffed with surface marks, good fine.* £250-300

ex Paul Davies Ltd, Ilkley, via A H Baldwin & Sons Ltd, January 2008
Calendar year mintage 7,624,736
For further reading on varieties of 1861 Sovereigns see part one of the Bentley Collection, footnote to lot 84-90

1012 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1861, curvy open 6 in date, second 1 over a much lower 1, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, raised die flaw from tip of truncation to rim, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, emblems below, 7.98g (Marsh 44; MCE 522; S 3852D). *Cleaned, with light surface marks, very fine, reverse better.* £250-300

Calendar year mintage 7,624,736
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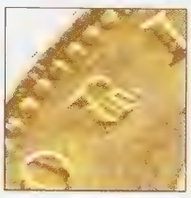
1862 Sovereign with R Over Inverted R in Queen's Name



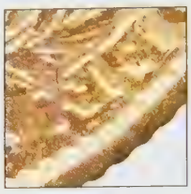
1013 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1862, with R struck over an inverted R in Queen's name, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy rounded open 6 with bulbous top, 1 over a lower 1, last A of legend doubled, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, emblems below, 7.99g (cf Marsh 45; MCE 523; S 3852D). *Toned with lustre, pleasing extremely fine and still the finest known of this variety to the cataloguer, not many more have appeared for sale, very rare.* £1000-1500

ex Northeast Numismatics, via Spink and Son, Atlanta ANA show, August 2002
Calendar year mintage 7,836,413
This example of the very rare R over inverted R variety was the very first discovered by the cataloguer. It was originally housed in a PCGS holder, graded as MS62, but the variety not noted. The cataloguer pointed out the new discovery to James Ricks of Northeast Numismatics and a deal was struck to have the coin find its way to the Bentley Collection. It was discoveries such as this that continued to excite the Bentley collector and has helped the Standard Catalogue of British Coins to harvest more and more varieties well beyond the scope of Marsh, which does not record this more recent discovery.
It would seem the engraver of this die punched the letter R in upside down and then corrected it over the top.
1862 marks the year at the Mint that resident engraver George Wyon dies, the post becomes vacant until 1865.

1014 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1862, wider spread date with hooked 6, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, die flaw in 2, doubled legend, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, emblems below, second word doubled, 7.99g (Marsh 45; MCE 523; S 3852D). *Some light surface marks, good very fine.* £300-400

ex Randy Weir Numismatics, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, purchased 25 August 1993
Calendar year mintage 7,836,413
For further reading on varieties of 1862 Sovereigns see part one of the Bentley Collection, footnote to lot 91-94

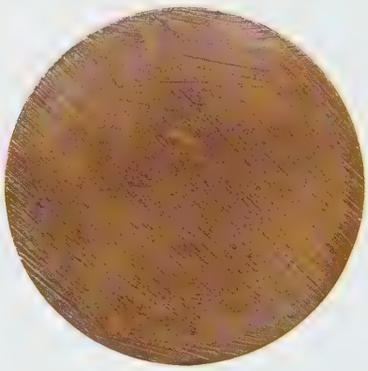
1862 Sovereign with So-called F Over Inverted A Variety

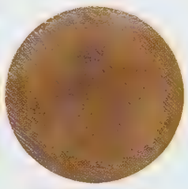


1015 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1862, spread date with hooked open 6, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, last A die flawed with some doubling, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, emblems below, some doubling of legend in first word, last F of legend over indeterminate figure, perhaps a rotated F, but is the variety Marsh recognises as F over inverted A, 7.97g (Marsh 45A R2; MCE 523; S 3852D). *Once cleaned, good very fine, reverse a little better and very rare.* £800-1000

ex Spink Auction, 24 September 2003, lot 1524
Calendar year mintage 7,836,413
This intriguing variety has puzzled numismatists for some time. Marsh recognised the variety early on and lists it as F over inverted A. The letter F of DEF clearly has two raised prongs sticking out of the top bar. The best conclusion when this was first discovered was that this could only be an inverted A. However, the width between the prongs is too narrow for the feet of an A or a V for that matter. This cataloguer often though it could be the result of a rotated character underneath, but nothing seems to fit the narrow width between the prongs. More recent thought by this cataloguer in the light of other Sovereign varieties seen tends to swing thinking towards merely an unfinished F punch used for this final F on this die, with extra burrs of unfinished metal adhered to the top of the F. Note however the previous F in the legend shows no such characteristic. It is still not conclusive what this last letter F is over or not as the case may be. It seems likely to be excess metal of some kind and is nevertheless a rarely seen variety.

Uniface Copper Obverse Pattern Possibly for a Sovereign, circa 1863





1016 **Victoria,** Uniface Pattern Obverse Trial, 1863, 63 double struck with curvy bulbed 6, struck in copper and gilt lightly on obverse only, by Charles Wiener, young head left with emblematic wreath of shamrocks, rose and thistle in hair, long ribbon ties at rear, C.W below truncation, date below, VICTORIA REGINA, toothed border and raised rim, *rev* plain, edge plain, 5.74g, 22.3mm, thickness 2mm (cf ESC 1372, with legend of 1377). *Gilding wearing through, some blank filing on plain side and on rim, good extremely fine and perhaps unique.* £600-800

ex Patina collection, Spink Auction 1298, 11 July 2001, lot 1028
This unusual uniface pattern was added to the Bentley Collection because it could have been for a Sovereign proposal, it not being exactly recorded in the usual references for silver coinage. It is worthy of further research, perhaps in collaboration with the Royal Mint.

The Extremely Rare 1863 Sovereign with 827 Die Number on Truncation

1017 *G* **Victoria,** Gold Sovereign, 1863, numbers 827 in relief on truncation meets field, second larger young head left, date below, sharper more hooked incomplete open 6, doubled date especially 8, legend lightly doubled with last I flawed to rim, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath tied with bow below shield, no die number below, emblems below, 7.99g (Marsh 48A R5; MCE 524; S 3853A). *Very light surface marks and scuffs, about very fine, better than usually encountered for this great rarity, extremely rare.* £8000-10,000

ex Randy Weir Numismatics, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, purchased 28 June 1993

The intriguing "827"variety first came to light in 1954 when an 827 numbered truncation with die number 22 reverse appeared in the Hatton Hoard of gold found in Derbyshire. This initial coin ended up in the British Museum Collection.

The variety here is termed the "first" variety of the "827" Sovereign without a die number on the reverse. The "second" die number 22 variety was sold in part one of the Bentley Collection for £11,000 hammer.

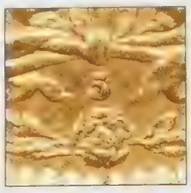
These first variety 827 die number Sovereigns are thought to have been produced and struck from a first batch of re-melted "scissel" and scrap emanating from some Rothschild brittle ingots delivered to the Mint circa November-December 1863. Of the very few specimens known, the Bentley specimen is amongst the finer.

For further reading about the 827 Sovereigns see Spink Numismatic Circular, October 1977, page 421, article by G P Dyer.

DIE NUMBER SOVEREIGNS

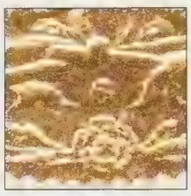
The Victorian Die Number Series of Gold Sovereigns 1863-1874 at the Royal Mint London

For a detailed synopsis on the Victorian die number series and a table heralding the known die numbers for each date please refer to the Part One of the Bentley Collection, between lots 97 and 98.



1018 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1863, die number 5, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, sharper more hooked incomplete 6, last word of legend die flawed, second I of Queen's name die flawed to rim, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 5 below, emblems below, hairline die flaw in penultimate word, 7.98g (Marsh 48; MCE 524; S 3853). *Light surface marks, scuffs and hairlines, almost extremely fine.* £300-400

ex An Important Collection of Gold Sovereigns 1816-2000, offered as one lot, Sothebys, November 2000, lot 525 (part)
Calendar year mintage 5,921,669
The calendar year mintage above also includes the last of the non-die number coins dated 1863. This coin is die number 5 of 24 numbered dies in the Bentley Collection plus the 827 numbered piece with die 22 reverse sold in part one of the Bentley Collection. Eight 1863 die number Sovereigns are offered for sale here in part three. Marsh claims three other numbers exist making 27 reverse dies in total with numbers plus some more of the non-die numbered variety to strike nearly 6 million Sovereigns, showing good die longevity.
For further reading on varieties of 1863 die number Sovereigns see part one of the Bentley Collection, footnote to lots 98-106



1019 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1863, die number 6, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy 6 with bulb top, date lightly die flawed, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 6 below, emblems below, 7.98g (Marsh 48; MCE 524; S 3853). *Light surface marks, once cleaned, about very fine to very fine.* £250-300

ex Douro Cargo, Spink Auction 118, 20-21 November 1996, uncertain lot number
ex An Important Collection of Gold Sovereigns 1816-2000, offered as one lot, Sothebys, November 2000, lot 525 (part)
Calendar year mintage 5,921,669
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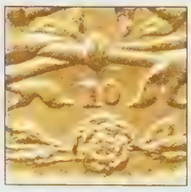
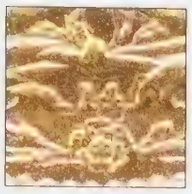


1020 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1863, die number 10, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy 6 with bulb top, legend lightly doubled both sides, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 10 below, 0 weaker than 1, emblems below, 7.99g (Marsh 48; MCE 524; S 3853). *Light surface marks on cheek, hairlines, otherwise extremely fine.* £300-400

Purchased via Spink and Son Ltd, November 2003
Calendar year mintage 5,921,669
See footnote to lot 1018 for a brief synopsis of the 1863 die numbers.



1021 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1863, die number 14, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy 6 with bulb top, third I of legend die flawed, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 14 below, emblems below, 7.99g (Marsh 48; MCE 524; S 3853). *Once cleaned, light hairlines mainly around reverse legend, otherwise about extremely fine, reverse better.* £300-400

ex G K Coins, London, via Spink and Son Ltd, August 2003
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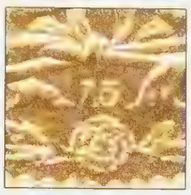

1022 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1863, die number 15, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy 6 with bulb top die flawed shut, Queen's name lightly doubled, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 15 below, emblems below, 7.98g (Marsh 48; MCE 524; S 3853). *Light hairlines, otherwise toned, practically as struck.* £400-600

ex An Important Collection of Gold Sovereigns 1816-2000, offered as one lot, Sothebys, November 2000, lot 525 (part)
Calendar year mintage 5,921,669
See footnote to lot 1018 for a brief synopsis of the 1863 die numbers.

1023 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1863, die number 18, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy 6 with bulb top die flawed shut, Queen's name lightly doubled, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 18 below, emblems below, 7.97g (Marsh 48; MCE 524; S 3853). *Light hairlines and some scuffs, discoloured, otherwise about very fine.* £250-300

ex Paul Davies Ltd, Ilkley. This coin was purchased from one of the groups of coins from the wreck of the RMS *Douro* that were not sold by auction and within the last 10 years.
Calendar year mintage 5,921,669
See footnote to lot 1018 for a brief synopsis of the 1863 die numbers.

1024 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1863, die number 23, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy 6 with bulb top die flawed shut, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 23 below, emblems below, hairline die flaws in reverse legend, 7.98g (Marsh 48; MCE 524; S 3853). *Some light hairlines, otherwise lightly toned, pleasing extremely fine.* £300-400

Calendar year mintage 5,921,669
See footnote to lot 1018 for a brief synopsis of the 1863 die numbers.

1025 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1863, die number 24, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy 6 with bulb top, date doubled as are some letters in Queen's name, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 24 below, 4 higher than 2, emblems below, hairline die flaws in reverse legend, 7.96g (Marsh 48; MCE 524; S 3853). *Some light hairlines, otherwise lightly toned, pleasing extremely fine.* £300-400

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Calendar year mintage 5,921,669
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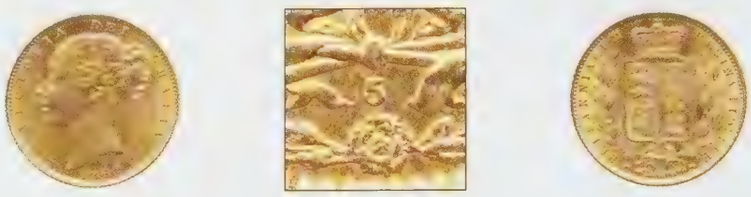
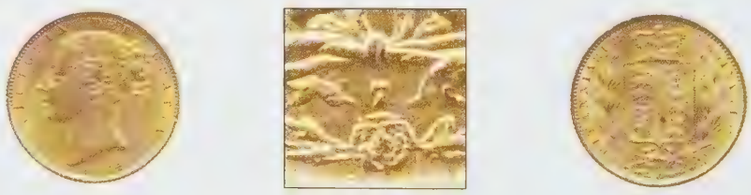


1026 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1864, die number 5, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, stub top to 4, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top, heavy raised die flaw through 1 of date, some light doubling of legend both sides, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 5 below, the 5 filled, emblems below, 7.98g (Marsh 49; MCE 525; S 3853). *A few very light marks, toned, extremely fine.* £300-400

Calendar year mintage 8,656,352
This coin is die number 5 of 94 different numbered dies in the Bentley Collection running from 1 to 105. Four of these are unrecorded by Marsh in his listing of numbers known. Marsh claims ten other numbers exist making 104 reverse dies in total to strike more than 8 million Sovereigns, showing inefficient die longevity. However it must always be borne in mind that the calendar year mintages are exactly that, and do not reflect the dates upon the coins in that period, some of them could have been 1863 dated coins, and 1864 date coins were probably made into the first part of 1865. A statistician should be able to make more sense of the figures given more time and research perhaps in collaboration with the Royal Mint Museum. Part three of the Bentley Collection contains a total of 31 different die numbers of 1864.



1027 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1864, die number 7, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, stub top to 4, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top flawed shut, first I of legend die flawed, some light doubling of legend both sides, more evident on reverse, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 7 below, emblems below, hairline raised flaws in double N of legend, 7.98g (Marsh 49; MCE 525; S 3853). *Once cleaned, red spot on reverse with some light red patches both sides, surface marks, otherwise nearly extremely fine.* £250-300

ex Paul Davies Ltd. Ilkley. This coin was purchased from one of the groups of coins from the wreck of the RMS *Douro* that were not sold by auction and within the last 10 years.
Calendar year mintage 8,656,352
See footnote to lot 1026 for a brief synopsis of the 1864 die numbers

1028 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1864, die number 12, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, stub top to 4, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top, die flawed 1 in date from neck to rim, some light doubling of legend, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 12 below, emblems below, 7.95g (Marsh 49; MCE 525; S 3853). *Once cleaned, more brilliant on the reverse, with surface marks and scuffs with hairlines, otherwise about very fine.* £250-300

Purchased via Spink and Son Ltd, November 2003
Calendar year mintage 8,656,352
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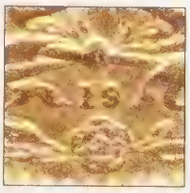
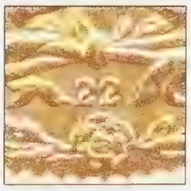


1029 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1864, die number 19, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, sharp top to 4, hooked 6 with sharper top, die flawed 1 in date, with flaw to right from neck to rim, some light doubling of legend, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 19 below, emblems below, 7.93g (Marsh 49; MCE 525; S 3853). *Once cleaned, with surface marks and scuffs with hairlines, fine, this die number unlisted by the most recent edition of Marsh, presumably very rare.* £250-300

ex Paul Davies Ltd, Ilkley, via A H Baldwin & Sons Ltd, June 2007
Calendar year mintage 8,656,352
See footnote to lot 1026 for a brief synopsis of the 1864 die numbers
This die number is one of four for 1864 unlisted by Marsh, the others are dies 13, 73 and 77, two of which have sold previously and die 73 is offered here as lot 1045.
It is also interesting to note that the weight of this coin in its lower grade is upon the legal tender limit as dictated by the Coinage Acts of 1816-1891.



1030 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1864, die number 22, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, sharp top to 4, curvy rounded 6 with only a trace of top bulb, some light die flaws in last word and last few letters of Queen's name, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 22 below, emblems below, 7.99g (Marsh 49; MCE 525; S 3853). *Hairline scratch below bun of hair, red spot on neck, once cleaned with some light surface marks, patchy tone on reverse, otherwise extremely fine.* £300-400

ex Douro Cargo, Spink Auction 118, 20-21 November 1996, lot 322 (part)
Calendar year mintage 8,656,352
See footnote to lot 1026 for a brief synopsis of the 1864 die numbers

1031 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1864, die number 25, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, sharp top to 4, curvy rounded 6, third I of legend doubled, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 25 below, emblems below, 7.97g (Marsh 49; MCE 525; S 3853). *Hairline scratch on cheek, tiny black spot on each side of coin, once cleaned with some light surface marks, scuffs and uneven tone, otherwise extremely fine.* £300-400

Purchased via Spink and Son Ltd, November 2003
Calendar year mintage 8,656,352
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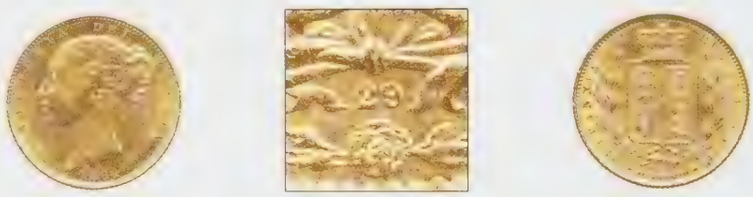
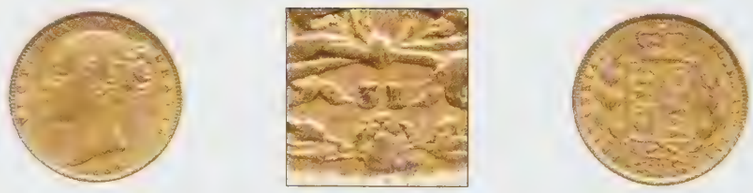


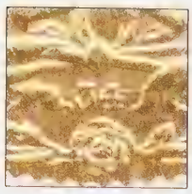
1032 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1864, die number 29, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, sharp top to 4, sharper hooked open 6, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 29 below, emblems below, hairline raised die flaw in second word, 7.99g (Marsh 49; MCE 525; S 3853). *Rim nick, two tiny red spots on the reverse, once cleaned with some light surface marks, otherwise extremely fine.* £300-400

ex Douro Cargo, Spink Auction 118, 20-21 November 1996, lot 549 (part)
Calendar year mintage 8,656,352
See footnote to lot 1026 for a brief synopsis of the 1864 die numbers



1033 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1864, die number 31, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, stub top to 4, curvy closed 6 with top bulb, last two words doubled, penultimate I die flawed, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 31 below, emblems below, top left serif of B absent, 7.91g (Marsh 49; MCE 525; S 3853). *Some surface marks, toned fine / good fine.* £250-300

ex An Important Collection of Gold Sovereigns 1816-2000, offered as one lot, Sothebys, November 2000, lot 525 (part)
Calendar year mintage 8,656,352
See footnote to lot 1026 for a brief synopsis of the 1864 die numbers
It is interesting to note that the weight of this coin in its lower grade is under the legal tender limit as dictated by the Coinage Acts of 1816-1891.



1034 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1864, die number 34, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date doubled below, stub top to 4, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top flawed shut, legend doubled, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 34 below, emblems below, slight doubling of legend, 7.98g (Marsh 49; MCE 525; S 3853). *Once cleaned, rim nick each side, otherwise pleasing extremely fine.* £300-400

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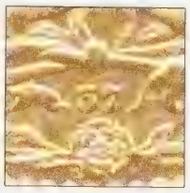
Calendar year mintage 8,656,352. See footnote to lot 1026 for a brief synopsis of the 1864 die numbers



1035 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1864, die number 37, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, stub top to 4, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top flawed shut, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 37 below, emblems below, top left serif of B in legend absent, 7.94g (Marsh 49; MCE 525; S 3853). *Once cleaned, two red spots on the obverse, otherwise about very fine.* £250-300

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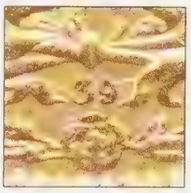

1036 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1864, die number 39, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, stub top to 4, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top flawed shut, R of Queen's name out of rotational alignment, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 39 below, emblems below, top left serif of B in legend absent, 7.97g (Marsh 49; MCE 525; S 3853). *Some surface marks and uneven tone, otherwise extremely fine.* £300-400

purchased via Spink and Son Ltd, November 2003
Calendar year mintage 8,656,352. See footnote to lot 1026 for a brief synopsis of the 1864 die numbers

1037 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1864, die number 44, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, stub top to 4, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top flawed shut, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 44 below, emblems below, some slight short raised die flaws within reverse and E of second word, 7.98g (Marsh 49; MCE 525; S 3853). *Some surface marks, cleaned, otherwise good fine to about very fine.* £250-300

ex Spink and Son Ltd, November 2003
Calendar year mintage 8,656,352
See footnote to lot 1026 for a brief synopsis of the 1864 die numbers

1038 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1864, die number 49, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, lightly doubled, stub top to 4, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top flawed shut, light trace of doubling in legend, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 49 below, emblems below, hairline raised die flaw connects tops of some letters in legend, 7.98g (Marsh 49; MCE 525; S 3853). *Once cleaned with associated surface marks, red tone, otherwise practically extremely fine.* £300-400

ex Abbatucci Cargo, Christies, 10 July 1997, untraced lot number
ex Spink Numismatic Circular, April 1998, item 2183
ex An Important Collection of Gold Sovereigns 1816-2000, offered as one lot, Sothebys, November 2000, lot 525 (part)
Calendar year mintage 8,656,352
See footnote to lot 1026 for a brief synopsis of the 1864 die numbers

1039 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1864, die number 50, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, lightly doubled, stub top to 4, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top flawed shut, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 50 below, emblems below, 7.95g (Marsh 49; MCE 525; S 3853). *Once cleaned with associated surface marks and digs, otherwise almost very fine.* £250-300

Ebay purchase, March 2002
Calendar year mintage 8,656,352
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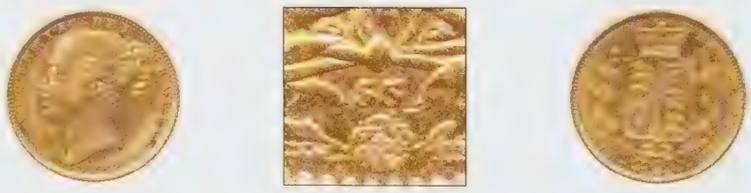

1040 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1864, die number 55, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, stub top to 4, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top flawed shut, last A of Queen's name die flawed, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 55 below, emblems below, absent upper left serif on B of legend, 7.95g (Marsh 49; MCE 525; S 3853). *Once cleaned with associated surface marks, otherwise bold fine.* £250-300

purchased via Spink and Son Ltd, November 2003
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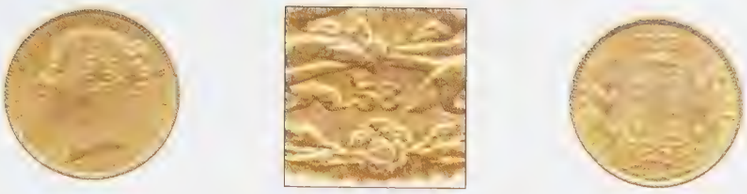

1041 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1864, die number 58, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, stub top to 4, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top flawed shut, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 58 below, emblems below, second R of legend with die flaw to rim, 7.94g (Marsh 49; MCE 525; S 3853). *Once cleaned with associated surface marks and red spots, otherwise bold fine.* £250-300

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1042 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1864, die number 60, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, stub top to 4, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top flawed shut, die flaw from lower part of 4 to rim, die flaw from V of legend and penultimate A to rim, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 60 below, emblems below, 7.99g (Marsh 49; MCE 525; S 3853). *Some black marks by tip of neck and other light hairlines, otherwise toned, practically extremely fine.* £250-300

ex Douro Cargo, Spink Auction 118, 20-21 November 1996, lot 1348 (part)
Calendar year mintage 8,656,352
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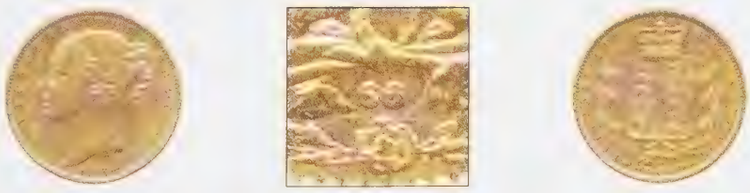

1043 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1864, die number 66, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, stub top to 4, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top flawed shut, trace of doubling in legend, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 66 below, emblems below, 7.93g (Marsh 49; MCE 525; S 3853). *Scratch above date with other surface marks, otherwise about fine.* £250-300

purchased via Spink and Son Ltd, November 2003
Calendar year mintage 8,656,352
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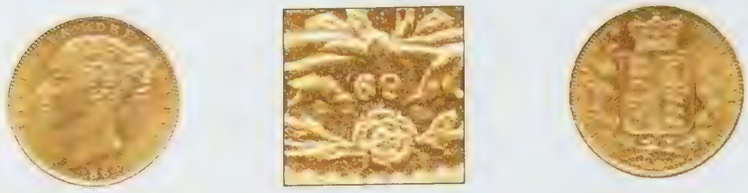
It is interesting to note that the weight of this coin in its lower grade is upon the legal tender limit as dictated by the Coinage Acts of 1816-1891.



1044 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1864, die number 69, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, stub top to 4, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top flawed shut, G of legend doubled, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 69 below, emblems below, last I of legend with raised blob of excess metal upon it, legend lightly doubled, 7.96g (Marsh 49; MCE 525; S 3853). *Once cleaned, a weaker strike, surface marks, toned, extremely fine.* £300-400

ex Spink Numismatic Circular, February 1998, item 520
ex An Important Collection of Gold Sovereigns 1816-2000, offered as one lot, Sothebys, November 2000, lot 525 (part)
Calendar year mintage 8,656,352
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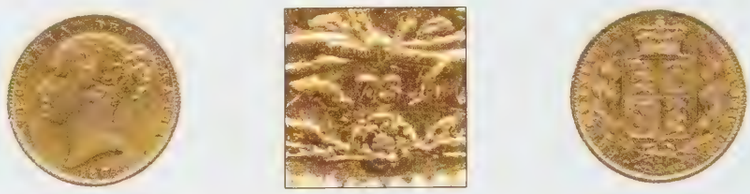

1045 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1864, die number 73, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, stub top to 4, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top flawed shut, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 73 below, emblems below, lightly doubled legend, 7.94g (Marsh 49; MCE 525; S 3853). *Once cleaned with surface marks and rim bruise, bold fine, this die number unlisted by the most recent edition of Marsh, presumably very rare.* £250-300

ex A H Baldwin & Sons Ltd, May 2006
Calendar year mintage 8,656,352
See footnote to lot 1026 for a brief synopsis of the 1864 die numbers
This die number is one of four for 1864 unlisted by Marsh, the others are dies 13, 19 and 77, two of which have sold previously and die 19 is offered here as lot 1029.

1046 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1864, die number 78, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, stub top to 4, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top flawed shut, die flaw from lower part of 4 to neck, trace of doubling of legend both sides, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 78 below, emblems below, 7.99g (Marsh 49; MCE 525; S 3853). *Scuff on cheek with other light surface marks, otherwise good extremely fine.* £400-500

ex Douro Cargo, Spink Auction 118, 20-21 November 1996, lot 1350 (part)
Calendar year mintage 8,656,352
See footnote to lot 1026 for a brief synopsis of the 1864 die numbers

1047 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1864, die number 79, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, stub top to 4, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top flawed shut, hint of doubling to legend, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 79 below, emblems below, 7.94g (Marsh 49; MCE 525; S 3853). *Surface marks and hairlines, toned, good fine.* £250-300

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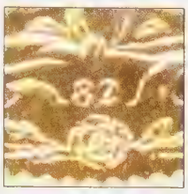

1048 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1864, die number 82, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, stub top to 4, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top flawed shut, hint of doubling to legend both sides, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 82 below, emblems below, 7.99g (Marsh 49; MCE 525; S 3853). *Hairline scratch to cheek and light surface marks, retaining brilliance, good extremely fine.* £400-500

ex Randy Weir Numismatics, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, purchased 5 December 1989
Calendar year mintage 8,656,352
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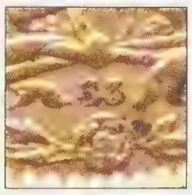

1049 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1864, die number 83, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, stub top to 4, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top flawed shut, date doubled along with last word, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 83 below, emblems below, upper left serif of B in legend absent, 7.95g (Marsh 49; MCE 525; S 3853). *Once cleaned with surface marks, toned, good fine / about very fine.* £250-300

Purchased via Spink and Son Ltd, November 2003
Calendar year mintage 8,656,352
See footnote to lot 1026 for a brief synopsis of the 1864 die numbers

1050 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1864, die number 87, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, stub top to 4, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top flawed shut, date doubled along with first three letters of legend, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 87 below, emblems below, N's in legend doubled, 7.97g (Marsh 49; MCE 525; S 3853). *Once cleaned with surface marks, toned, bold very fine.* £250-300

Purchased via Spink and Son Ltd, November 2003
Calendar year mintage 8,656,352
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1051 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1864, die number 90, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, stub top to 4, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top flawed shut, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 90 below, emblems below, upper left serif of B in legend absent, G of legend with flawed lower part right, 7.98g (Marsh 49; MCE 525; S 3853). *Black spot on obverse, two red spots on reverse, otherwise good extremely fine.* £400-500

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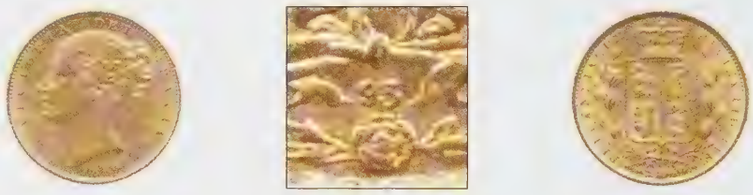

1052 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1864, die number 95, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, stub top to 4, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top flawed shut, first and last letters of legend lightly die flawed, some letters doubled, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 95 below, emblems below, hairline raised die flaw across the tops of some letters, 7.97g (Marsh 49; MCE 525; S 3853). *Surface marks and blemishes, some scuffs, otherwise very fine.* £250-300

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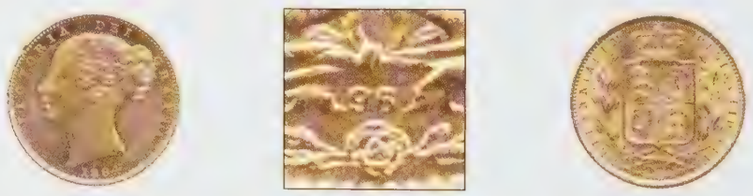

1053 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1864, die number 96, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, lightly doubled, stub top to 4, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top flawed shut, light trace of doubling in legend, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 96 below, emblems below, lightly doubled legend, 7.99g (Marsh 49; MCE 525; S 3853). *A couple of rim nicks, light surface marks and scuffs, obverse prooflike, pleasing extremely fine.* £300-400

ex Abbatucci Cargo, Christies, 10 July 1997, untraced lot number
ex Spink Numismatic Circular, April 1998, item 2187
ex An Important Collection of Gold Sovereigns 1816-2000, offered as one lot, Sothebys, November 2000, lot 525 (part)
Calendar year mintage 8,656,352
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1054 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1864, die number 99, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, stub top to 4, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top flawed shut, hint of doubling to legend both sides and date, raised die flaw between last two letters, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 99 below, emblems below, 7.99g (Marsh 49; MCE 525; S 3853). *Some nicks and light surface marks, otherwise good extremely fine.* £400-500

ex Randy Weir Numismatics, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, purchased 7 June 1996
Calendar year mintage 8,656,352
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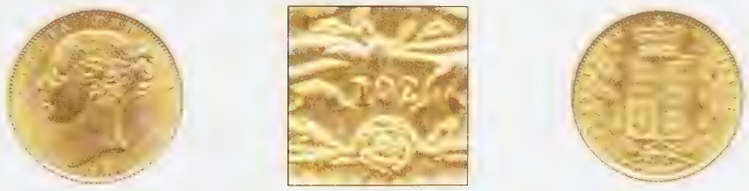

1055 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1864, die number 102, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, stub top to 4, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top flawed shut, hint of doubling to legend both sides and 64 of date, raised die flaw to left of D in legend and across brow of portrait to front fillet, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 102 below, emblems below, 8.00g (Marsh 49; MCE 525; S 3853). *Once cleaned, with light surface marks, otherwise extremely fine / good extremely fine.* £300-400

ex Harlan J Berk, Chicago, during 2003
Calendar year mintage 8,656,352
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1056 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1864, die number 105, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, stub top to 4 with die flaw from neck to rim, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top flawed shut, doubling to legend and front of portrait, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 105 below, emblems below, legend gently doubled, 7.99g (Marsh 49; MCE 525; S 3853). *Some light surface marks, otherwise toned, extremely fine.* £300-400

ex Randy Weir Numismatics, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, during 1998
Calendar year mintage 8,656,352
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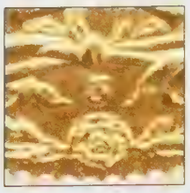
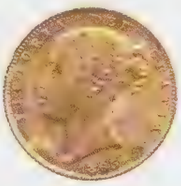
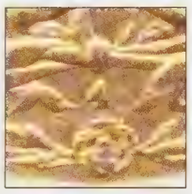


1057 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1865, die number 3, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, 5 with incomplete loop, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top flawed shut, raised die flaw to the left of 1 in date, obverse legend lightly doubled, penultimate I and last A of legend die flawed, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 3 below, emblems below, hairline raised die flaw at last colon of legend, 7.99g (Marsh 50; MCE 526; S 3853). *Light surface marks and hairlines, otherwise good extremely fine.* £400-500

ex Randy Weir Numismatics, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, 13 August 1992
Calendar year mintage 1,450,238
This coin is die number 3 of 34 different numbered dies in the Bentley Collection running from 1 to 40. Marsh claims twelve other numbers exist making 52 reverse dies in total to strike about 1½ million Sovereigns. This suggests poor die longevity, however it must always be borne in mind that the calendar year mintages are exactly that, and do not reflect the dates upon the coins in that period, some of them could have been 1864 dated coins, and 1865 date coins were probably made into the first part of 1866. A statistician should be able to make more sense of the figures given more time and research perhaps in collaboration with the Royal Mint. There are 11 different die numbers of 1865 offered for sale here in part three of the collection.

1058 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1865, die number 4, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, 5 with incomplete loop, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top flawed shut, raised die flaw to the left of 1 in date, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 4 below, emblems below, 7.94g (Marsh 50; MCE 526; S 3853). *Heavy scuffs and surface marks with hairlines, otherwise good fine / very fine.* £250-300

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Calendar year mintage 1,450,238
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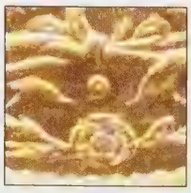

1059 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1865, die number 9, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, square top 5 with incomplete loop, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top flawed shut, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 9 below, emblems below, 7.98g (Marsh 50; MCE 526; S 3853). *Once cleaned, scuffed obverse with surface marks and hairlines, spot on reverse rim, otherwise good very fine / extremely fine.* £250-350

ex Douro Cargo, Spink Auction 118, 20-21 November 1996, lot 1316 (part)
ex Spink Numismatic Circular, July 1998, item 4734
ex An Important Collection of Gold Sovereigns 1816-2000, offered as one lot, Sothebys, November 2000, lot 525 (part)
Calendar year mintage 1,450,238
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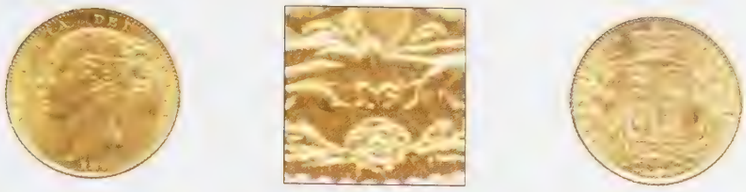

1060 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1865, die number 16, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, angled top 5, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top, 65 doubled, raised die flaw through 1, legend doubled, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 16 below, emblems below, traces of raised die flaw across some letters, 7.98g (Marsh 50; MCE 526; S 3853). *Lustrous with some light hairlines, otherwise uneven tone, extremely fine.* £300-400

ex Randy Weir Numismatics, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, 5 May 1989
Calendar year mintage 1,450,238
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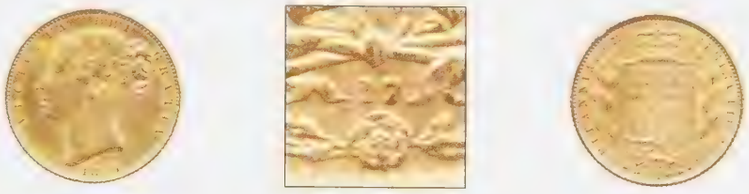

1061 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1865, die number 17, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, angled top 5, curvy open 6 with bulbous top, die flaw from tip of truncation to rim, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 17 below, emblems below, die flaw in field by M of legend, 7.93g (Marsh 50; MCE 526; S 3853). *Once cleaned, now toned, with some light hairlines and rim nick, otherwise good fine, reverse better.* £250-300

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Calendar year mintage 1,450,238
See footnote to lot 1057 for a brief synopsis of the 1865 die numbers

1062 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1865, die number 19, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, square top complete 5, curvy 6 with bulbous top die flawed shut, trace of die flaw in last A of legend, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 19 below, emblems below, 7.99g (Marsh 50; MCE 526; S 3853). *Only lightest of hairlines, rim nick, otherwise good extremely fine.* £400-500

ex Randy Weir Numismatics, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, 27 July 1994.
Calendar year mintage 1,450,238
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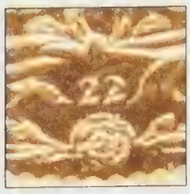
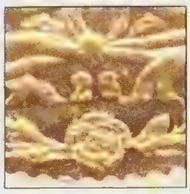


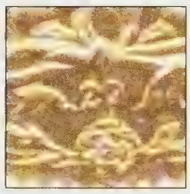
1063 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1865, die number 22, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, square top complete 5, curvy 6 with bulbous top die flawed shut, die flaw from first T to rim, hint of doubling both sides, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 22 below, emblems below, 7.98g (Marsh 50; MCE 526; S 3853). *A few light digs, rim nick, otherwise extremely fine.* £300-400

ex Douro Cargo, Spink Auction 118, 20-21 November 1996, lot 1353 (part)
Calendar year mintage 1,450,238
See footnote to lot 1057 for a brief synopsis of the 1865 die numbers



1064 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1865, die number 26, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, square top complete 5, curvy 6 with bulbous top die flawed shut, die flaw at first I of legend, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 26 below, 6 with digs, emblems below, 7.98g (Marsh 50; MCE 526; S 3853). *Light surface marks, the "6" of the die number with digs which means this coin was at first mistaken for die 28, otherwise toned, bold fine.* £250-300

Purchased via Spink and Son Ltd, November 2003
Calendar year mintage 1,450,238
See footnote to lot 1057 for a brief synopsis of the 1865 die numbers



1065 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1865, die number 29, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, square top complete 5, curvy 6 with bulbous top die flawed shut, die flaw at first I of legend, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 29 below, 9 smaller than 2, emblems below, hint of doubling to legend, 7.97g (Marsh 50; MCE 526; S 3853). *A few light surface marks, toned, about extremely fine.* £300-400

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Calendar year mintage 1,450,238
See footnote to lot 1057 for a brief synopsis of the 1865 die numbers

1066 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1865, die number 33, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, square top complete 5, curvy 6 with bulbous top die flawed shut, die flaw through 1 of date from neck to rim, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 33 below, emblems below, 7.98g (Marsh 50; MCE 526; S 3853). *A few light hairlines, otherwise good extremely fine.* £400-500

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Calendar year mintage 1,450,238
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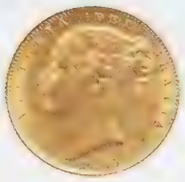
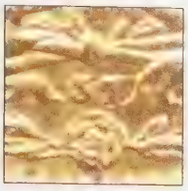

1067 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1865, die number 37, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, square top complete 5 die flawed from neck to rim, curvy 6 with bulbous top die flawed shut, second I of legend die flawed, trace of doubling on obverse, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 37 below, emblems below, 7.99g (Marsh 50; MCE 526; S 3853). *Rim nick on reverse, patch of tone on lower left of reverse, otherwise about extremely fine.* £300-400

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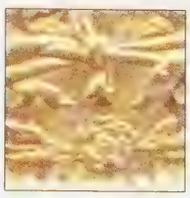
Calendar year mintage 1,450,238
See footnote to lot 1057 for a brief synopsis of the 1865 die numbers



1068 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1866, die number 4, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, lightly doubled, die flaw to left of 1, curvy rounded 6's with bulbous top die flawed shut, last three letters of legend die flawed, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 4 below, 4 filled, emblems below, 7.97g (Marsh 51; MCE 527; S 3853). *A few red spots both sides, mainly on lower portion of reverse, toned, nearly good very fine.* £300-400

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Calendar year mintage 4,047,288
This coin is die number 4 of 77 different numbered dies in the Bentley Collection running from 1 to 78. Marsh claims that die number 12 and 79 also exist which are absent from this collection, making a total of 79 reverse dies to strike just over 4 million Sovereigns. This suggests good longevity. One die number in the Bentley Collection run of 1866 is not recorded by Marsh, number 67, which is offered here, lot 1089. There are 25 different die numbers of 1866 offered in part three of the collection.

1069 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1866, die number 5, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy rounded 6's with bulbous top die flawed shut, trace of doubling to legend, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 5 below, emblems below, 7.98g (Marsh 51; MCE 527; S 3853). *With underlying proof-like brilliance, some hairlines, otherwise good extremely fine.* £400-500

ex Douro Cargo, Spink Auction 118, 20-21 November 1996, lot 552 (part)
This coin was previously graded by PCGS as MS64
Calendar year mintage 4,047,288
See footnote to lot 1068 for a brief synopsis of the 1866 die numbers

1070 ℊ **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1866, die number 10, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy rounded 6's with bulbous top, second 6 lightly die flawed from neck to rim, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 10 below, emblems below, light die flaw across some letters in latter half of legend, 7.99g (Marsh 51; MCE 527; S 3853). *Some scuffs on a brilliant obverse, a few other hairlines and surface marks, matt appearance to reverse, otherwise good extremely fine.* £300-400

ex Douro Cargo, Spink Auction 118, 20-21 November 1996, lot 552 (part)
Calendar year mintage 4,047,288
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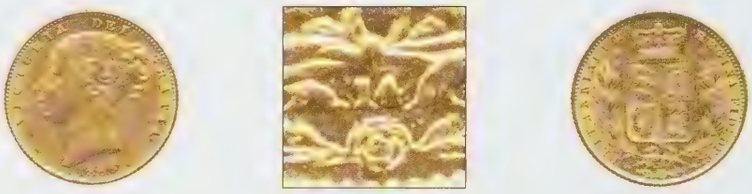

1071 ℊ **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1866, die number 14, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy rounded 6's with bulbous top die flawed shut, trace of doubling in legend, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 14, below, emblems below, light die flaw to right of crown from arch to rim, 7.95g (Marsh 51; MCE 527; S 3853). *Once cleaned, now toned with some scuffs and surface marks, otherwise almost very fine, reverse better.* £250-300

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Calendar year mintage 4,047,288
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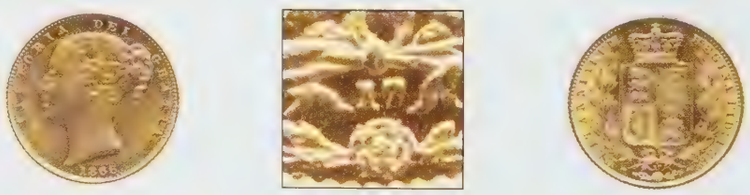
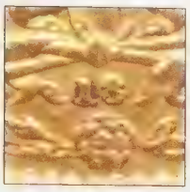


1072 ℊ **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1866, die number 17, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy rounded 6's with bulbous top die flawed shut, raised die flaw through last 6, further flaw from letter C to rim in legend, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 17, below, emblems below, light die flaw connects some letters of reverse legend, 7.98g (Marsh 51; MCE 527; S 3853). *Once cleaned, with some scuffs and surface marks, otherwise brilliant, almost extremely fine, reverse better.* £300-400

Purchased via Spink and Son Ltd, November 2003
Calendar year mintage 4,047,288
See footnote to lot 1068 for a brief synopsis of the 1866 die numbers



1073 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1866, die number 18, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy rounded 6's with bulbous top die flawed shut, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 18, below, emblems below, 7.97g (Marsh 51; MCE 527; S 3853). *Some black deposit in borders with light surface marks, otherwise toned, about extremely fine.* £300-400

Purchased via Spink and Son Ltd, November 2003
Calendar year mintage 4,047,288
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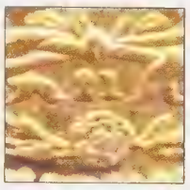

1074 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1866, die number 21, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy rounded 6's with bulbous top die flawed shut, die flaw through 1 of date to rim, further die flaw through last I of obverse legend, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 21 below, emblems below, trace of doubling to legend, light die flaws in penultimate word, 7.96g (Marsh 51; MCE 527; S 3853). *Some scuffing and surface marks on obverse, otherwise about very fine / good very fine.* £250-300

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Calendar year mintage 4,047,288
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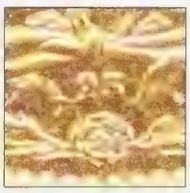

1075 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1866, die number 25, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy rounded 6's with bulbous top die flawed shut, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 25 below, emblems below, 7.98g (Marsh 51; MCE 527; S 3853). *Very scuffed and hairlined both sides, otherwise brilliant proof-like extremely fine, reverse better.* £300-400

ex Randy Weir Numismatics, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, July 1993
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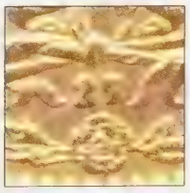

1076 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1866, die number 27, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy rounded 6's with bulbous top die flawed shut, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 27 below, emblems below, trace of doubling to legend, 7.98g (Marsh 51; MCE 527; S 3853). *Once cleaned, now toned, some scratches to cheek, bold very fine.* £250-300

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Calendar year mintage 4,047,288
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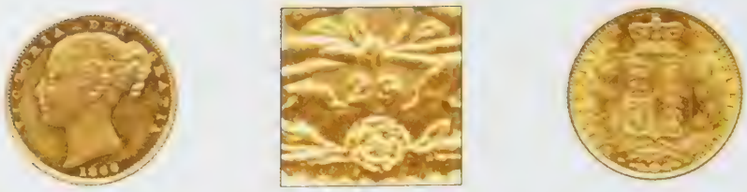
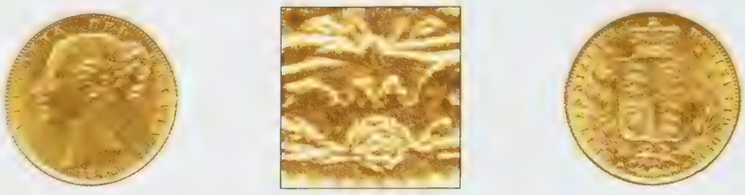


1077 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1866, die number 29, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy rounded 6's with bulbous top, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 29 below, emblems below, trace of doubling to legend, hairline die flaw connects some letters at end of first word and the second, 7.99g (Marsh 51; MCE 527; S 3853). *Hairlined both sides, with underlying proof-like lustre on obverse, matt reverse, otherwise extremely fine, reverse better.* £300-400

purchased via Spink and Son Ltd, November 2003
This coin was previously graded by NGC as MS60
Calendar year mintage 4,047,288. See footnote to lot 1068 for a brief synopsis of the 1866 die numbers



1078 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1866, die number 34, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy rounded 6's with bulbous top, last I of legend die flawed to rim, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 34 below, 3 of number die flawed, emblems below, hint of doubling to legend, 7.99g (Marsh 51; MCE 527; S 3853). *Surface marks and hairlines both sides, otherwise extremely fine, reverse better.* £300-400

ex Randy Weir Numismatics, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, 18 April 1994
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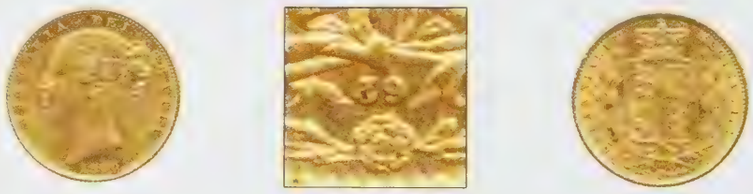

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ex Douro Cargo, Spink Auction 118, 20-21 November 1996, lot 1315 (part)
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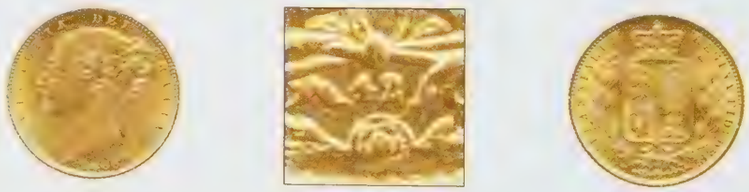

1080 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1866, die number 42, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy rounded 6's with bulbous top, the second 6 die flawed shut, die flaw at first O of legend to rim, further flaw at last A of legend, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 42 below, emblems below, 7.97g (Marsh 51; MCE 527; S 3853). *Small red spot at rear of neck and other surface marks, rim nick, otherwise extremely fine / good extremely fine.* £300-400

ex Douro Cargo, Spink Auction 118, 20-21 November 1996, lot 332 (part)
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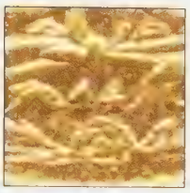
See footnote to lot 1068 for a brief synopsis of the 1866 die numbers



1081 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1866, die number 44, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy rounded 6's with bulbous top, die flaw through 1 of date from neck to rim, further flaw at last letter T to rim, with some doubling of legend, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 44 below, the 4's filled, emblems below, first N of legend with die flaw to rim, 7.96g (Marsh 51; MCE 527; S 3853). *Some surface marks, tiny spots on obverse, otherwise toned, bold very fine.* £250-300

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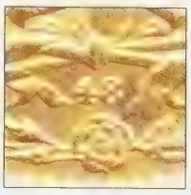
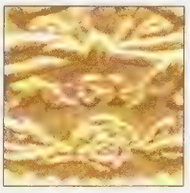


1082 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1866, die number 48, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy rounded 6's with bulbous top die flawed shut, date doubled, along with last few letters of legend, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 48 below, emblems below, 7.97g (Marsh 51; MCE 527; S 3853). *Some surface marks and hairlines, otherwise toned, extremely fine.* £300-400

ex Douro Cargo, Spink Auction 118, 20-21 November 1996, lot 554 (part)
Calendar year mintage 4,047,288
See footnote to lot 1068 for a brief synopsis of the 1866 die numbers



1083 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1866, die number 51, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy rounded 6's with bulbous top die flawed shut, last I of legend die flawed, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 51 below with die flaw, emblems below, hint of doubling to legend, last A with die flaw, 7.99g (Marsh 51; MCE 527; S 3853). *Some surface marks, almost extremely fine, reverse better.* £300-400

ex Douro Cargo, Spink Auction 118, 20-21 November 1996, lot 1319 (part)
Calendar year mintage 4,047,288
See footnote to lot 1068 for a brief synopsis of the 1866 die numbers

1084 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1866, die number 52, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy rounded 6's with bulbous top, obverse legend doubled, last T of legend with die flaw into field, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 52 below, emblems below, hint of doubling to legend, 7.95g (Marsh 51; MCE 527; S 3853). *Some surface marks and hairlines, otherwise good fine / very fine.* £250-300

Calendar year mintage 4,047,288
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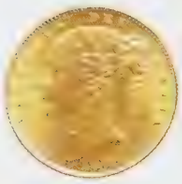
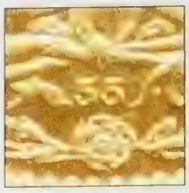
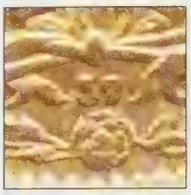



1085 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1866, die number 55, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy rounded 6's with bulbous top, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 55 below, emblems below, hint of doubling to legend, die flaw to right rosette at lower part of wreath, 7.97g (Marsh 51; MCE 527; S 3853). *Surface marks and hairlines both sides, of matt appearance, otherwise good extremely fine.* £300-400

ex Randy Weir Numismatics, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, 14 June 1994
Calendar year mintage 4,047,288. See footnote to lot 1068 for a brief synopsis of the 1866 die numbers

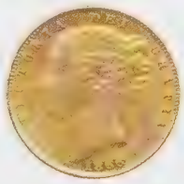
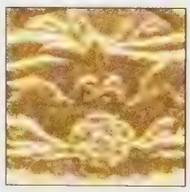


1086 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1866, die number 57, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy rounded 6's with bulbous top die flawed shut, second 6 die flawed from neck to rim, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 57 below, emblems below, 7.87g (Marsh 51; MCE 527; S 3853). *Surface marks and hairlines, fair, reverse better.* £250-300

ex Paul Davies Ltd, Ilkley, October 2006
Calendar year mintage 4,047,288
See footnote to lot 1068 for a brief synopsis of the 1866 die numbers
It is interesting to note that the weight of this coin in its lower grade is well under the legal tender limit as dictated by the Coinage Acts of 1816-1891.

1087 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1866, die number 61, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy rounded 6's with bulbous top die flawed shut, last I of legend die flawed, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 61 below with die flaw, emblems below, hint of doubling to legend, 7.98g (Marsh 51; MCE 527; S 3853). *Some surface marks and hairlines, extremely fine, reverse better.* £300-400

ex Douro Cargo, Spink Auction 118, 20-21 November 1996, lot 1359 (part)
Calendar year mintage 4,047,288. See footnote to lot 1068 for a brief synopsis of the 1866 die numbers

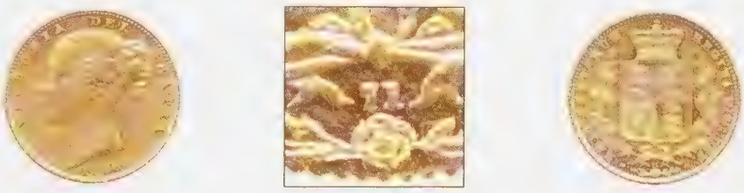



1088 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1866, die number 64, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy rounded 6's with bulbous top die flawed shut, die flaw through 1 of date from neck to rim, first two words slightly doubled, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 64 below, emblems below, trace of doubling to legend, 7.96g (Marsh 51; MCE 527; S 3853). *Some light marks, toned, almost very fine, reverse better.* £250-300

This coin was purchased from one of the groups of coins from the wreck of the RMS *Douro* that were not sold by auction and within the last 10 years.
Calendar year mintage 4,047,288. See footnote to lot 1068 for a brief synopsis of the 1866 die numbers

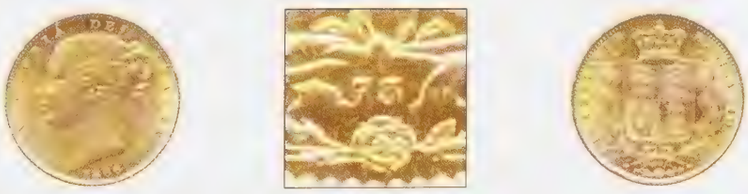
1089 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1866, die number 67, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy rounded 6's with bulbous top die flawed shut, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 67 below, emblems below, 7.97g (Marsh 51; MCE 527; S 3853). *Scratch in field behind bust near ponytail of hair, other light marks and scuffs, otherwise almost extremely fine, reverse better, this die number unlisted by Marsh, therefore rare.* £300-400

This coin was purchased from one of the groups of coins from the wreck of the RMS *Douro* that were not sold by auction and within the last 10 years.
This die number is the only one in the Bentley Collection for 1866 unlisted by Marsh. Inversely the Bentley Collection does not contain a die number 12 or 79 for 1866 which are listed by Marsh as existing.
Calendar year mintage 4,047,288
See footnote to lot 1068 for a brief synopsis of the 1866 die numbers



1090 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1866, die number 71, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy rounded 6's with bulbous top die flawed shut, date and parts of legend doubled both sides, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 71 below with die flaw, emblems below, 7.97g (Marsh 51; MCE 527; S 3853). *Some light hairlines, toned, good very fine.* £250-300

ex Douro Cargo, Spink Auction 118, 20-21 November 1996, lot 334 (part)
Calendar year mintage 4,047,288
See footnote to lot 1068 for a brief synopsis of the 1866 die numbers



1091 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1866, die number 73, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy rounded 6's with bulbous top, tip of neck slightly die flawed and first V of legend to rim, last two letters of legend joined by flaw, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 73 below with die flaw, emblems below, hint of legend doubling, 7.98g (Marsh 51; MCE 527; S 3853). *Some light hairlines, rim nick on reverse, almost extremely fine, reverse better.* £250-300

Calendar year mintage 4,047,288
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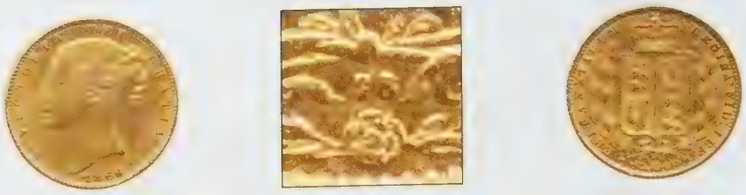

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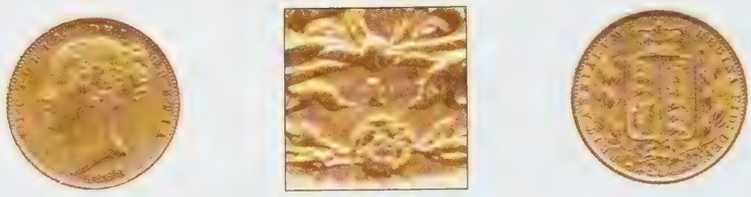
ex GK Coins, London, via Spink and Son Ltd, November 2003
Calendar year mintage 4,047,288
See footnote to lot 1068 for a brief synopsis of the 1866 die numbers
It is interesting to note that the weight of this coin in its lower grade is under the legal tender limit as dictated by the Coinage Acts of 1816-1891.

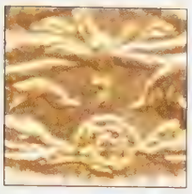


1093 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1868, die number 1, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top lightly die flawed, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 1 below, emblems below, hint of doubling in legend, 7.94g (Marsh 52; MCE 528; S 3853). *Scratch above date, some scuffs, cleaned, bold fine.* £250-300

This coin was purchased from one of the groups of coins from the wreck of the RMS *Douro* that were not sold by auction and within the last 10 years.
Calendar year mintage 1,653,384
This coin is die number 1 of 40 different numbered dies in the Bentley Collection running from 1 to 41. Marsh claims that die numbers 40, 47 and 48 also exist, which are absent from this collection, making a total of 43 reverse dies to strike just over 1½ million Sovereigns. This suggests a low longevity, but as will be seen the mintage for 1869 is high, so some dies dated 1868 will probably have been used into the year 1869. One die number in the Bentley Collection run of 1868 is not recorded by Marsh, number 10. There are 14 different die numbers of 1868 offered in part three of the collection.

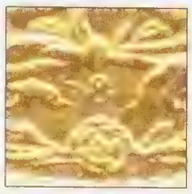
1094 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1868, die number 3, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top lightly die flawed, second 8 die flawed, date doubled, hint of doubling in legend both sides, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 3 below, emblems below, hairline raised flaw joins some letters of legend, 7.97g (Marsh 52; MCE 528; S 3853). *Toned with some scuffs, good fine.* £250-300

This coin was purchased from one of the groups of coins from the wreck of the RMS *Douro* that were not sold by auction and within the last 10 years.
Calendar year mintage 1,653,384
See footnote to lot 1093 for a brief synopsis of the 1868 die numbers



1095 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1868, die number 7, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top, flaw to right of second 8, die flaw by last A of legend, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 7 below, emblems below, trace of doubling of legend, 7.98g (Marsh 52; MCE 528; S 3853). *Some light hairlines, almost extremely fine, reverse better.* £300-400

ex Douro Cargo, Spink Auction 118, 20-21 November 1996, lot 335 (part)
Calendar year mintage 1,653,384
See footnote to lot 1093 for a brief synopsis of the 1868 die numbers



1096 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1868, die number 8, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy thinner and lower 6 with bulbous top, die flawed 1 in date up to neck, some doubling of legend, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 8 below, emblems below, hairline die flaw connects some letters in legend, upper serif on B weak, 7.97g (Marsh 52; MCE 528; S 3853). *Once cleaned, some red spots each side of coin, now toned, very fine.* £250-300

This coin was purchased from one of the groups of coins from the wreck of the RMS *Douro* that were not sold by auction and within the last 10 years.
Calendar year mintage 1,653,384. See footnote to lot 1093 for a brief synopsis of the 1868 die numbers

1097 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1868, die number 11, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 11 below, no upper serifs to 1's of die number, emblems below, 7.93g (Marsh 52; MCE 528; S 3853). *Heavily scuffed and surface marked, almost fine, reverse better.* £250-300

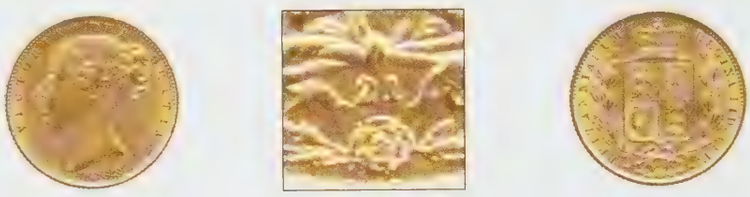
purchased Spink and Son Ltd, November 2003
Calendar year mintage 1,653,384
See footnote to lot 1093 for a brief synopsis of the 1868 die numbers
It is interesting to note that the weight of this coin in its lower grade is upon the legal tender limit as dictated by the Coinage Acts of 1816-1891.

1098 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1868, die number 14, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy thinner and lower 6 with bulbous top, the second 8 higher than other figures, hint of doubling of legend both sides, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 14 below, 1 with no upper serif, emblems below, 7.97g (Marsh 52; MCE 528; S 3853). *Heavy surface marks and scuffs, almost very fine.* £250-300

This coin was purchased from one of the groups of coins from the wreck of the RMS *Douro* that were not sold by auction and within the last 10 years.
Calendar year mintage 1,653,384. See footnote to lot 1093 for a brief synopsis of the 1868 die numbers

1099 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1868, die number 19, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy thinner and lower 6 with bulbous top, hint of doubling of legend both sides, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 19 below, 1 with no upper serif, emblems below, hairline raised flaw connects some letters, 7.99g (Marsh 52; MCE 528; S 3853). *Some die clashing evident, hairlined, obverse rim nick and scuff on cheek, otherwise brilliant, extremely fine / good extremely fine.* £300-400

ex Douro Cargo, Spink Auction 118, 20-21 November 1996, lot 556 (part)
Calendar year mintage 1,653,384
See footnote to lot 1093 for a brief synopsis of the 1868 die numbers



1100 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1868, die number 21, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 21 below, number flawed and 1 with no upper serif, emblems below, hairline raised flaw connects some letters with a hint of doubling, 7.96g (Marsh 52; MCE 528; S 3853). *Scratch on cheek, some light marks and nicks, otherwise about extremely fine / extremely fine.* £300-400

This coin was purchased from one of the groups of coins from the wreck of the RMS *Douro* that were not sold by auction and within the last 10 years.
Calendar year mintage 1,653,384
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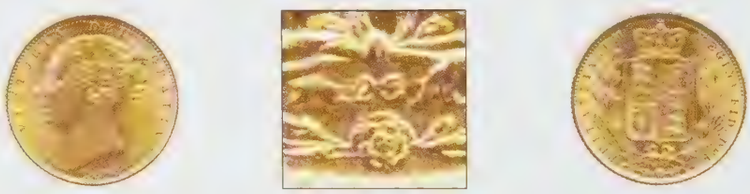
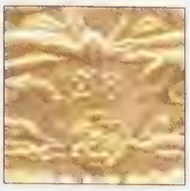


1101 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1868, die number 25, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy 6 without bulb, date and legend doubled both sides, letter C die flawed to rim and penultimate A of legend, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 25 below, number die flawed, emblems below, hairline raised flaw connects some letters, 7.99g (Marsh 52; MCE 528; S 3853). *Some light marks, otherwise toned, almost extremely fine / extremely fine.* £300-400

Calendar year mintage 1,653,384
See footnote to lot 1093 for a brief synopsis of the 1868 die numbers

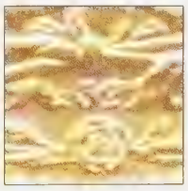


1102 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1868, die number 28, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top, raised die flaw from neck to rim to left of date, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 28 below, number disjointed, emblems below, upper serif of B absent, some doubling of legend, 7.97g (Marsh 52; MCE 528; S 3853). *Some light marks, patchy tone both sides, very fine / about extremely fine.* £250-300

This coin was purchased from one of the groups of coins from the wreck of the RMS *Douro* that were not sold by auction and within the last 10 years.
Calendar year mintage 1,653,384
See footnote to lot 1093 for a brief synopsis of the 1868 die numbers

1103 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1868, die number 29, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy 6 without bulb, higher second 8 in date, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 29 below, emblems below, die flaw to top left corner of shield into leaves of wreath, 7.99g (Marsh 52; MCE 528; S 3853). *Heavy surface marks, scratch from neck to chin, otherwise about extremely fine.* £250-300

ex Douro Cargo, Spink Auction 118, 20-21 November 1996, lot 337 (part)
Calendar year mintage 1,653,384
See footnote to lot 1093 for a brief synopsis of the 1868 die numbers



1104 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1868, die number 32, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy 6 without bulb, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 32 below, number lightly flawed, emblems below, hairline raised die flaw connects some letters of reverse legend, 7.98g (Marsh 52; MCE 528; S 3853). *Dig on nose, short scratch by eye and hairlines, otherwise extremely fine.* £300-400

ex An Important Collection of Gold Sovereigns 1816-2000, offered as one lot, Sothebys, November 2000, lot 525 (part)
Calendar year mintage 1,653,384
See footnote to lot 1093 for a brief synopsis of the 1868 die numbers

1105 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1868, die number 37, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy 6 without bulb, hint of doubling to legend both sides, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 37 below, emblems below, only a trace of upper left serif to B which has a dig, 7.99g (Marsh 52; MCE 528; S 3853). *Light surface marks and nicks, otherwise extremely fine.* £300-400

Calendar year mintage 1,653,384
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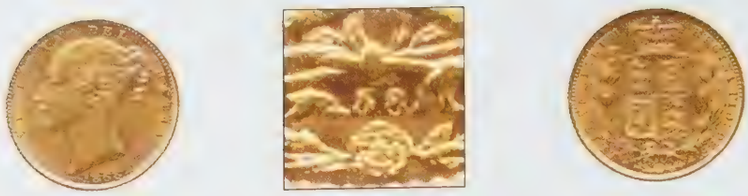

1106 ℊ **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1868, die number 38, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top, date die flawed across top, hint of doubling to legend, last two words with raised die flaw in some letters, especially between T and I, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 38 below, the 3 and 8 spread, emblems below, 7.99g (Marsh 52; MCE 528; S 3853). *Scratch on neck and obverse scuffed, otherwise very fine.* £250-300

This coin was purchased from one of the groups of coins from the wreck of the RMS *Douro* that were not sold by auction and within the last 10 years, bought via Spink and Son Ltd, July 2004.
Calendar year mintage 1,653,384
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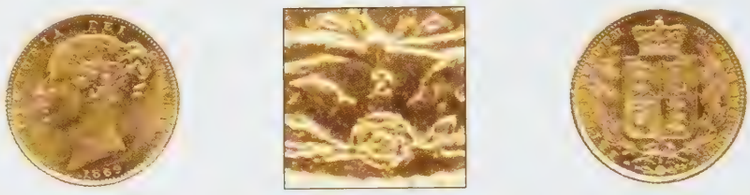
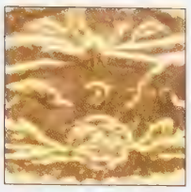


1107 ℊ **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1869, die number 2, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top, light raised die flaw between 1 and 8 of date, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 2 below, emblems below, some light doubling in reverse legend, 7.98g (Marsh 53; MCE 529; S 3853). *Surface marks and light hairlines, otherwise extremely fine.* £300-400

ex Randy Weir Numismatics, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, 22 July 1994
Calendar year mintage 6,441,322
This coin is die number 2 of 63 different numbered dies in the Bentley Collection running from 1 to 69. Marsh claims that 13 other die numbers exist, which are absent from this collection, making a total of 76 reverse dies to strike nearly 6½ million Sovereigns, although some of this total maybe 1868 dated Sovereigns. This suggests good longevity for the dies. One die number in the Bentley Collection run of 1866 is not recorded by Marsh, number 63, which is offered here, lot 1127. There are 21 different die numbers of 1869 offered in part three of the collection.

1108 ℊ **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1869, die number 5, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top, trace of doubling to legend both sides, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 5 below, emblems below, light hairline flaw connects some reverse letters, 7.98g (Marsh 53; MCE 529; S 3853). *Some nicks and light hairlines, otherwise extremely fine.* £300-400

ex Randy Weir Numismatics, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, 27 September 1990
Calendar year mintage 6,441,322
See footnote to lot 1107 for a brief synopsis of the 1869 die numbers



1109 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1869, die number 9, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 9 below lightly flawed, emblems below, light hint of doubling to legend, 7.96g (Marsh 53; MCE 529; S 3853). *Red spot on crown, light surface marks, otherwise about very fine, reverse better.* £300-400

ex Spink and Son Ltd, July 2004
Calendar year mintage 6,441,322
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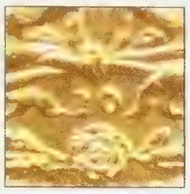
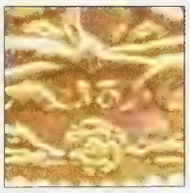


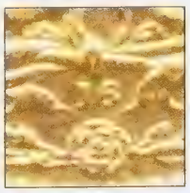
1110 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1869, die number 10, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top, third I and penultimate A die flawed, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 10 below lightly flawed, no lower right serif to 1, emblems below, light hint of doubling to legend, 7.99g (Marsh 53; MCE 529; S 3853). *Four red spots on obverse, some surface marks, otherwise extremely fine, reverse better.* £300-400

ex Douro Cargo, Spink Auction 118, 20-21 November 1996, lot 558 (part)
Calendar year mintage 6,441,322
See footnote to lot 1107 for a brief synopsis of the 1869 die numbers



1111 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1869, die number 13, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy 6 without bulb, raised die flaw to left of date onto neck, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 13 below lightly flawed, only a lower left serif to 1, others absent, emblems below, end of second word lightly die flawed, 7.98g (Marsh 53; MCE 529; S 3853). *Hairlined, otherwise toned, about extremely fine, reverse better.* £300-400

ex Douro Cargo, Spink Auction 118, 20-21 November 1996, lot 558 (part)
Calendar year mintage 6,441,322
See footnote to lot 1107 for a brief synopsis of the 1869 die numbers
The unusual curved 6 without the top terminal bulb, the likely result of a faulty punch continues intermittently into 1869.



1112 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1869, die number 16, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy 6 without bulb, doubled legend, last A die flawed, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 16 below, no lower right serif to 1, emblems below, 7.98g (Marsh 53; MCE 529; S 3853). *Hairlined, otherwise extremely fine, reverse better.* £300-400

ex Douro Cargo, Spink Auction 118, 20-21 November 1996, lot 559 (part)
Calendar year mintage 6,441,322
See footnote to lot 1107 for a brief synopsis of the 1869 die numbers

1113 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1869, die number 20, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top, doubled date and legend, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 20 below, small o larger 2, emblems below, 7.94g (Marsh 53; MCE 529; S 3853). *Heavily scuffed with surface marks, brilliant reverse, otherwise about very fine, reverse better.* £250-300

ex Paul Davies Ltd, Ilkley, via A H Baldwin & Sons Ltd, June 2007
Calendar year mintage 6,441,322
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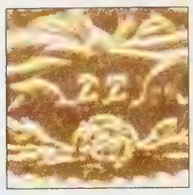

1114 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1869, die number 22, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy 6 without bulb, light die flaw in some letters of last word, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 22 below, emblems below, 7.98g (Marsh 53; MCE 529; S 3853). *Light scratch by earlobe and other light marks, otherwise extremely fine, reverse better.* £300-400

Calendar year mintage 6,441,322
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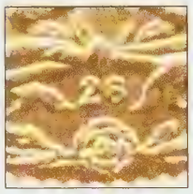

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ex Randy Weir Numismatics, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, 13 August 1992
Calendar year mintage 6,441,322
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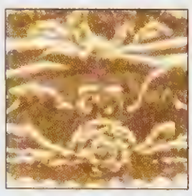

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ex Randy Weir Numismatics, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, 1997
Calendar year mintage 6,441,322
See footnote to lot 1107 for a brief synopsis of the 1869 die numbers

1117 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1869, die number 35, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy 6 without bulb, light die flaw in last few letters of legend, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 35 below, emblems below, legend lightly doubled, 7.99g (Marsh 53; MCE 529; S 3853). *Slight surface marks and hairlines, otherwise proof-like, good extremely fine.* £400-500

ex Dr Jacob Y Terner collection, Goldbergs, Hollywood, USA, May 2003, lot 357, where the coin was graded MS62 by PCGS
Calendar year mintage 6,441,322
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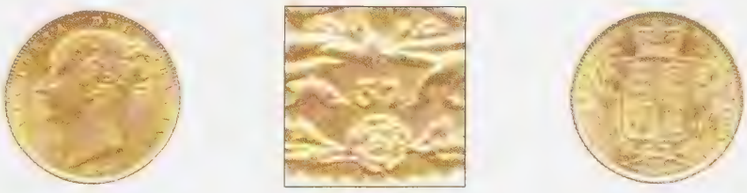

1118 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1869, die number 37, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy 6 without bulb, weak lower part to figure 9, doubled legend both sides, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 37 below, emblems below, 7.97g (Marsh 53; MCE 529; S 3853). *Red spot on caul of crown on the reverse, nick in hair with scratch into field on obverse, otherwise extremely fine, reverse better.* £300-400

ex Douro Cargo, Spink Auction 118, 20-21 November 1996, lot 1369 (part)
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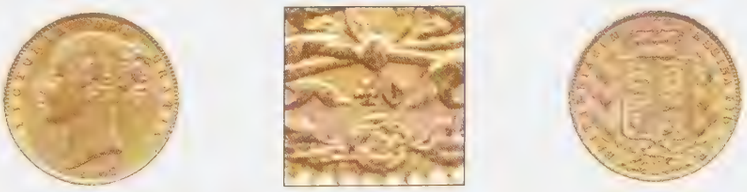

1119 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1869, die number 40, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top, die flaw through 1 of date from neck to rim, V of legend die flawed, trace of doubling to legend both sides, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 40 below, emblems below, only trace of upper serif to B, 7.97g (Marsh 53; MCE 529; S 3853). *Toned, light surface marks, otherwise good fine, reverse better.* £250-300

ex DNW auction, 17 December 2007, lot 146
Calendar year mintage 6,441,322
See footnote to lot 1107 for a brief synopsis of the 1869 die numbers

1120 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1869, die number 42, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy 6 without bulb, raised die flaw from tip of neck to rim, hairline flaw in last three letters of legend, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 42 below, number lightly doubled, emblems below, hairline flaw in some latter letters of first word, 7.99g (Marsh 53; MCE 529; S 3853). *Scratch under* OR *of Queen's name, hairlines and surface marks, otherwise extremely fine.* £300-400

ex An Important Collection of Gold Sovereigns 1816-2000, offered as one lot, Sothebys, November 2000, lot 525 (part)
Calendar year mintage 6,441,322
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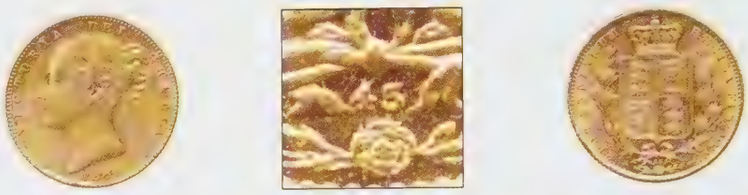

1121 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1869, die number 45, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 45 below, high 4 low 5, emblems below, 7.97g (Marsh 53; MCE 529; S 3853). *Scuffed with light, once cleaned, otherwise about very fine, reverse better.* £250-300

ex An Important Collection of Gold Sovereigns 1816-2000, offered as one lot, Sothebys, November 2000, lot 525 (part)
Calendar year mintage 6,441,322
See footnote to lot 1107 for a brief synopsis of the 1869 die numbers

1122 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1869, die number 48, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top, raised die flaw in first R of legend, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 48 below, high 4 low 8, emblems below, 7.98g (Marsh 53; MCE 529; S 3853). *Two obverse rim nicks, otherwise extremely fine, reverse better.* £300-400

Calendar year mintage 6,441,322
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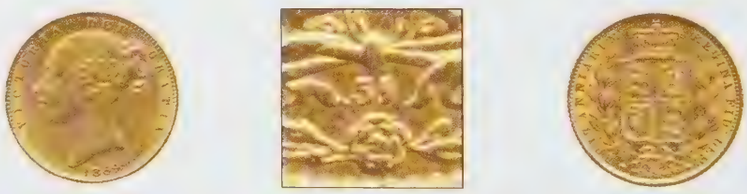

1123 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1869, die number 51, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below doubled, curvy 6 without bulb, die flaw through 1 of date to rim, last A of legend die flawed, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 51 below, 1 only with a lower left serif, emblems below, light raised die flaw in reverse legend connects some letters, 7.95g (Marsh 53; MCE 529; S 3853). *Light surface marks, very fine.* £250-300

Calendar year mintage 6,441,322
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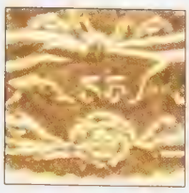

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Calendar year mintage 6,441,322
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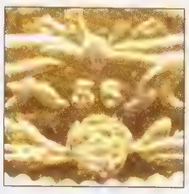

1125 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1869, die number 56, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy 6 without bulb, A of Queen's name doubled, last I of legend with only a trace of upper serifs, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 56 below, emblems below, 7.99g (Marsh 53; MCE 529; S 3853). *Light surface marks and scuffs, underlying brilliance both sides, proof-like in parts, about extremely fine.* £300-400

Calendar year mintage 6,441,322
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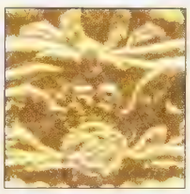


1126 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1869, die number 59, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top, last A of legend die flawed, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 59 below, low 5 high 9, emblems below, 7.97g (Marsh 53; MCE 529; S 3853). *Light surface marks and scuffs, once cleaned, otherwise good very fine / about extremely fine.* £300-400

ex AH Baldwin and Sons Ltd, October 2006
Calendar year mintage 6,441,322
See footnote to lot 1107 for a brief synopsis of the 1869 die numbers

1127 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1869, die number 63, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, curvy rounded 6 with bulbous top, a hint of doubling to date and legend, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 63 below, widely spaced 6 and 3, emblems below, 7.96g (Marsh 53; MCE 529; S 3853). *Light surface marks, toned, about extremely fine, reverse better.* £300-400

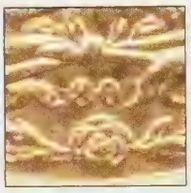
ex Douro Cargo, Spink Auction 118, 20-21 November 1996, lot 443 (part)
ex An Important Collection of Gold Sovereigns 1816-2000, offered as one lot, Sothebys, November 2000, lot 525 (part)
Calendar year mintage 6,441,322
See footnote to lot 1107 for a brief synopsis of the 1869 die numbers

1128 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1870, die number 1, second larger young head left, WW incuse on truncation without stops, date below, date and legend doubled, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 1 below, only with a lower left serif, lightly die flawed as are some letters of reverse legend, emblems below, 7.99g (Marsh 54; MCE 530; S 3853). *Hairlines, surface marks and nicks, otherwise extremely fine.* £300-350

ex Randy Weir Numismatics, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, 19 October 1992
Calendar year mintage 2,189,960
This coin is die number 1 of a mere 18 different numbered dies in the Bentley Collection running from 1 to 96. Part three of the collection contains 11 of the 1870 die numbers. Marsh claims that 80 other die numbers exist! With so many absent from this collection, it makes a total of 98 reverse dies to strike just over 2 million Sovereigns. This suggests very uneconomic longevity for the dies, and this cataloguer feels that the die numbers recorded for 1870 in Marsh are unreliable and must have been some sort of human typographical error perhaps transposing 1871 known die numbers for 1870 which is more likely, especially when we see that the total number of dies for 1871 when Marsh is added to Bentley is also 98 and that is to strike over 8½ million Sovereigns in one calendar year!
What we do know is that, in twenty years of seriously looking for die numbers of 1870 for the Bentley collector, nothing numbered 2 to 79 inclusive has turned up, not even in the Douro Cargo and that is not just in the coins offered at auction in 1996 but in all the other portions that have come to the market more recently from individuals involved with the salvage operation.

THIRD YOUNG HEAD OF VICTORIA

For a discussion on the varieties of the Young Head Victorian Sovereigns, see section before lot 213 in the catalogue for part one of the Bentley Collection.



1129 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1870, die number 80, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation meets field, two strands of hair at bun near G of legend detached, extra curl at terminal of ponytail, date below, low 7 in date, letter C and first A of obverse legend flawed, die flaw from tip of neck, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 80 lightly flawed below, large 8, smaller o, emblems below, 7.96g (Marsh 54; MCE 530; S 3853B). *Light surface marks, otherwise good very fine, reverse better.* £300-350

Calendar year mintage 2,189,960
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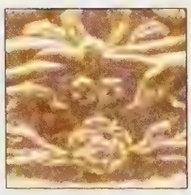

1130 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1870, die number 83, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation meets field, extra curl at terminal of hair, date below, letter V of obverse legend flawed into field, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 83 below, emblems below, 7.98g (Marsh 54; MCE 530; S 3853B). *Red spot on reverse, toned with surface marks, otherwise very fine, reverse better.* £250-300

This coin was purchased from one of the groups of coins from the wreck of the RMS *Douro* that were not sold by auction and within the last 10 years.
Calendar year mintage 2,189,960
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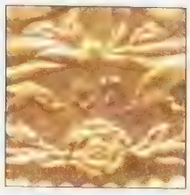

1131 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1870, die number 87, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation meets field, date below, die flaw through 1 of date from rim to neck, a number of letters of obverse legend die flawed, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 87 below, emblems below, 8.00g (Marsh 54; MCE 530; S 3853B). *Light hairlines and surface marks, two spots on obverse, one on the reverse, obverse rim nick, brilliant reverse, otherwise extremely fine, reverse better.* £300-400

ex Douro Cargo, Spink Auction 118, 20-21 November 1996, lot 1376 (part)
Calendar year mintage 2,189,960
See footnote to lot 1128 for a brief synopsis of the 1870 die numbers

1132 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1870, die number 90, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation meets field, date below, die flaw to left of 1 from rim to neck, doubled legend, first and third I of legend and last A die flawed, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 90 below, emblems below, 7.98g (Marsh 54; MCE 530; S 3853B). *Light hairlines from being once lightly cleaned perhaps, now toned, extremely fine.* £300-400

Calendar year mintage 2,189,960
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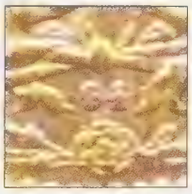

1133 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1870, die number 94, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation meets field, date below, die flaw through 1 from rim to neck, further flaw from hair bun to rim, date and legend lightly doubled both sides, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 94 below, emblems below, 7.96g (Marsh 54; MCE 530; S 3853B). *Some red spots each side with light surface marks, otherwise bold very fine.* £250-300

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Calendar year mintage 2,189,960. See footnote to lot 1128 for a brief synopsis of the 1870 die numbers

1134 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1870, die number 112, third young head left, WW in relief on truncation meets field, stops not visible, date below, last A of legend die flawed, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 112 lightly flawed below, 2 larger than the figure 1's, emblems below, 7.98g (Marsh 54; MCE 530; S 3853B). *Two red spots on obverse, eight on reverse, other light surface marks and hairlines, otherwise toned, about very fine, reverse better.* £250-300

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Calendar year mintage 2,189,960
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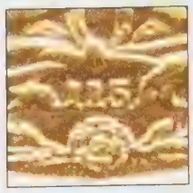

1135 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1870, die number 115, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation meets field, date below, date and legend doubled, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 115 below, the die number ascends in height from left to right, emblems below, 7.96g (Marsh 54; MCE 530; S 3853B). *Cleaned with associated surface marks and hairlines, otherwise about very fine, reverse better.* £250-300

Calendar year mintage 2,189,960
See footnote to lot 1128 for a brief synopsis of the 1870 die numbers

1136 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1870, die number 118, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation meets field, date below doubled, raised die flaw from tip of neck to rim, last A of legend die flawed, other light flaw in Queen's name, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 118 below, first 1 with trace of upper serif, second 1 with no upper serif, emblems below, 7.99g (Marsh 54; MCE 530; S 3853B). *Heavy surface marks and hairlines, rim bruise on reverse, otherwise extremely fine.* £300-400

Calendar year mintage 2,189,960
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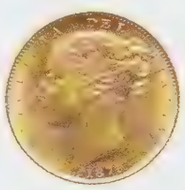
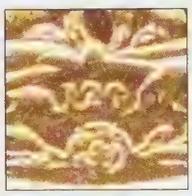

1137 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1870, die number 120, third young head left, WW in relief on truncation meets field, stops not visible, date below, date and legend doubled, raised die flaw to left of date from neck to rim, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 120 lightly flawed below, emblems below, 7.97g (Marsh 54; MCE 530; S 3853B). *Cleaned with surface marks and hairlines, otherwise good very fine, reverse better.* £250-300

Calendar year mintage 2,189,960
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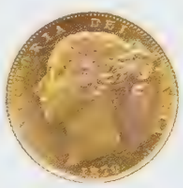
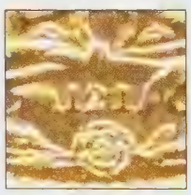
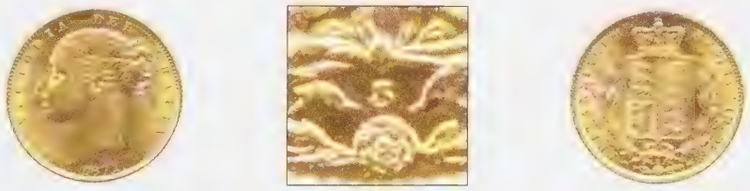



1138 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1870, die number 121, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation meets field, date below, 1 of date doubled, raised die flaw in first three letters of last word, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 121 lightly flawed below, first 1 with no upper serif, emblems below, raised die flaw lightly connects some letters of reverse legend, 8.00g (Marsh 54; MCE 530; S 3853B). *Some light hairlines, proof-like obverse, otherwise good extremely fine.* £400-500

ex Randy Weir Numismatics, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, early 1993
Calendar year mintage 2,189,960
See footnote to lot 1128 for a brief synopsis of the 1870 die numbers

1139 ℊ **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1871, die number 1, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, raised die flaw to left of date from neck to rim, *rev* crowned shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 1 below, no lower right serif, emblems below, 8.00g (Marsh 55; MCE 531; S 3853B). *Light surface marks on obverse, otherwise extremely fine / good extremely fine.* £400-500

Calendar year mintage 8,767,250
This coin is die number 1 of a total of 75 different numbered dies in the Bentley Collection, running from 1 to 111. Part three of the collection contains 25 of the 1871 die numbers. Marsh claims that 23 other die numbers exist, with so many absent from this collection, it makes a total of 98 reverse dies to strike nearly 9 million Sovereigns. Coincidentally this is the same total arrived at for 1870, if you take Marsh's extras for that year into account, which again suggests some sort of error in determining known dies of 1870. Die number 42 is present in the Bentley Collection which is a number not included in Marsh's list for 1871. The 1871 total number of dies to calendar year output suggests reasonable longevity for the dies, however it must be borne in mind that 1871 is the first calendar year where the new St George and dragon reverse Sovereign for Queen Victoria is produced and the output will include a lesser proportion for these coins too. This is why trying to analyse calendar output against die numbers and variations known is so troublesome.
It seems from now onward the evidence of dies starting to break up gradually with raised hairline die flaws, and a problem of dual-hubbing in the dies giving doubled letters and date figures, seems to diminish from now onward. See "a note on varieties" in the introduction of the catalogue for part one to learn more about dual-hubbing.



1140 ℊ **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1871, die number 3, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, raised die flaw to left of date from neck to rim, further flaw between I and A of legend and from hair bun to rim, *rev* crowned shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 3 below, emblems below, 7.99g (Marsh 55; MCE 531; S 3853B). *Light surface marks, otherwise extremely fine / good extremely fine.* £400-500

Calendar year mintage 8,767,250
See footnote to lot 1139 for a brief synopsis of the 1871 die numbers

1141 ℊ **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1871, die number 6, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date lightly doubled below, hairline raised die flaw connects all letters and date figures, *rev* crowned shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 6 below, emblems below, hairline raised die flaw connects some letters in legend, 8.00g (Marsh 55; MCE 531; S 3853B). *A couple of spots on cheek and neck, others on upper right of reverse, light surface marks and hairlined, otherwise extremely fine.* £300-400

ex Abbeygate Coins, USA, purchased 1995, previously graded as MS62
Calendar year mintage 8,767,250
See footnote to lot 1139 for a brief synopsis of the 1871 die numbers

1142 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1871, die number 10, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, raised die flaws connects some letters of legend both sides, *rev* crowned shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 10 below, low 1, high 0, emblems below, hint of doubling in legend, 7.99g (Marsh 55; MCE 531; S 3853B). *Scuffed with many tiny surface marks, light deposit on reverse rim, otherwise toned, good very fine.* £250-300

Calendar year mintage 8,767,250
See footnote to lot 1139 for a brief synopsis of the 1871 die numbers

1143 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1871, die number 12, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, die flaw to left of date from neck to rim, trace of doubling to legends both sides, *rev* crowned shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 12 lightly flawed below, emblems below, 7.99g (Marsh 55; MCE 531; S 3853B). *Some light hairlines and surface marks, streak of tone on cheek, black mark over head, otherwise toned, extremely fine.* £300-400

ex Douro Cargo, Spink Auction 118, 20-21 November 1996, lot 1377 (part)
Calendar year mintage 8,767,250
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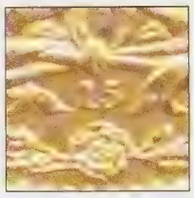

1144 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1871, die number 15, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, die flaw at first A of legend to rim, doubled date and legend both sides, *rev* crowned shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 15 below, 5 slightly higher than 1, emblems below, 7.99g (Marsh 55; MCE 531; S 3853B). *Some light hairlines, spots and surface marks, otherwise toned, extremely fine, reverse better.* £300-400

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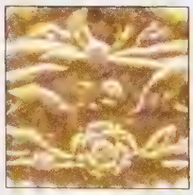

1145 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1871, die number 19, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, die flaw through first 1 of date from neck to rim, another die flaw connects some letters of legend, *rev* crowned shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 19 below, 9 slightly higher than 1, emblems below, hint of doubling to legend, 7.98g (Marsh 55; MCE 531; S 3853B). *Some light hairlines, otherwise toned, good extremely fine.* £300-400

ex Randy Weir Numismatics, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, October 1992
Calendar year mintage 8,767,250
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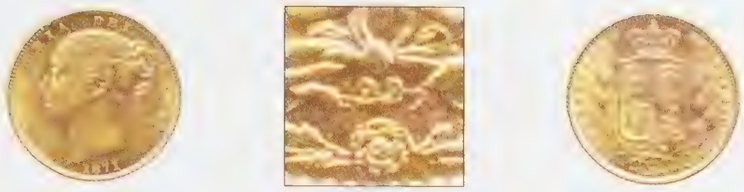

1146 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1871, die number 22, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date doubled below, die flaw through latter 1 of date from neck to rim, first and last letters of legend die flawed, *rev* crowned shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 22 lightly flawed below, emblems below, hint of doubling to legend with light hairline flaw connecting some letters, 7.97g (Marsh 55; MCE 531; S 3853B). *Some light hairlines, otherwise about extremely fine, reverse better.* £300-400

Calendar year mintage 8,767,250
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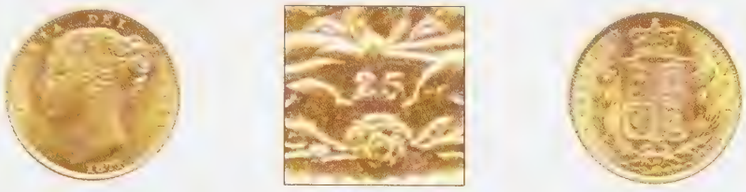

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ex Randy Weir Numismatics, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, 27 July 1994
Calendar year mintage 8,767,250
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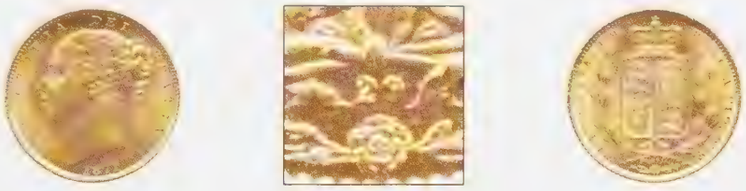

1148 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1871, die number 29, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, first 1 of date die flawed, *rev* crowned shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 29 lightly flawed below, emblems below, light hairline flaw connects some letters of legend, hint of doubling to legend, 8.00g (Marsh 55; MCE 531; S 3853B). *Scratch on throat with other hairline scuffs and marks, otherwise toned, extremely fine, reverse better.* £300-400

ex Randy Weir Numismatics, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, July 1995
Calendar year mintage 8,767,250
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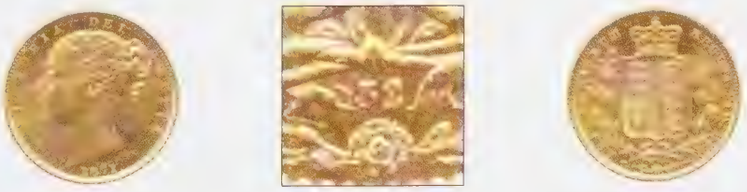

1149 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1871, die number 32, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, die flaw to left of D in legend to bust and at last A, *rev* crowned shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 32 below, the 2 double struck, emblems below, hint of doubling to legend, 7.99g (Marsh 55; MCE 531; S 3853B). *Hairline scratch to neck and other surface marks, otherwise toned with underlying brilliance, extremely fine, reverse better.* £300-400

ex Randy Weir Numismatics, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, July 1995
Calendar year mintage 8,767,250
See footnote to lot 1139 for a brief synopsis of the 1871 die numbers

1150 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1871, die number 36, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, die flaw to left date to neck and at last A of legend, *rev* crowned shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 36 below, emblems below, hint of doubling to legend, 8.00g (Marsh 55; MCE 531; S 3853B). *Black speck by third* I *of obverse legend, other light surface marks and hairlines, otherwise good extremely fine, reverse as struck.* £400-600

ex Randy Weir Numismatics, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, May 1990
Calendar year mintage 8,767,250
See footnote to lot 1139 for a brief synopsis of the 1871 die numbers

1151 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1871, die number 39, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, die flaw by 8 and 7 to rim and at last I and A of legend, legend doubled, further die flaw from tip of neck to rim and in field below rear of neck, ultimately causing a lamination by the ponytail of the field surface, *rev* crowned shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 39 below, emblems below, 7.99g (Marsh 55; MCE 531; S 3853B). *Streaks of tone, other light surface marks and hairlines, good extremely fine.* £300-400

ex Randy Weir Numismatics, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, 18 April 1994
Calendar year mintage 8,767,250
See footnote to lot 1139 for a brief synopsis of the 1871 die numbers

1152 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1871, die number 40, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, letter C, first A and last I of legend die flawed, *rev* crowned shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 40 below, emblems below, hint of doubling to legend with light raised die flaw, 7.99g (Marsh 55; MCE 531; S 3853B). *Streaks of black tone, scratch over* 71 *of date, otherwise extremely fine.* £300-400

ex Randy Weir Numismatics, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, October 1992
Calendar year mintage 8,767,250
See footnote to lot 1139 for a brief synopsis of the 1871 die numbers

1153 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1871, die number 41, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, heavy die flaw between 1 and 8 from rim to neck, flaw from V to rim, *rev* crowned shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 41 below, double struck, 4 over a low 4, 1 over a high 1, emblems below, small upper serif to B, with light raised die flaw connecting some letters, 7.99g (Marsh 55; MCE 531; S 3853B). *Deposit in O of Queen's name, two rim nicks each on obverse and reverse, otherwise good very fine.* £250-300

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Calendar year mintage 8,767,250
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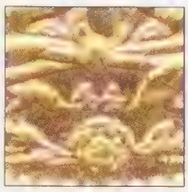

1154 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1871, die number 44, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, heavy die flaw through 7 from rim to neck and at last A of legend, flaw from hair bun to rim, *rev* crowned shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 44 below, left 4 thicker and die flawed, emblems below, hint of doubling of legend with light raised die flaw connecting some letters and wreath, 7.97g (Marsh 55; MCE 531; S 3853B). *Light surface marks, toned, otherwise about extremely fine, reverse better.* £300-400

Calendar year mintage 8,767,250
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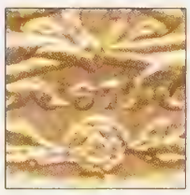

1155 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1871, die number 67, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, die flaw by 18 to neck, die flaw from hair bun to rim, hint of doubling in legend, *rev* crowned shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 67 lightly flawed below, open 6, emblems below, second A and M of legend doubled, 7.98g (Marsh 55; MCE 531; S 3853B). *Light surface marks and hairlines, toned with a brilliant reverse, otherwise about extremely fine.* £300-400

Calendar year mintage 8,767,250
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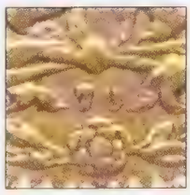

1156 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1871, die number 70, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, die flaw at last two letters of legend, *rev* crowned shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 70 below, emblems below, 7.93g (Marsh 55; MCE 531; S 3853B). *Some black deposit around rim and border teeth, light nicks and hairlines, otherwise toned, good fine.* £250-300

ex Paul Davies Ltd, Ilkley, via A H Baldwin & Sons Ltd, October 2006
Calendar year mintage 8,767,250
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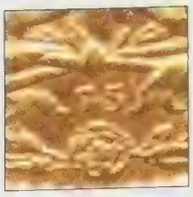
It is interesting to note that the weight of this coin in its lower grade is upon the legal tender limit as dictated by the Coinage Acts of 1816-1891.



1157 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1871, die number 75, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, die flaw through 7 to neck, *rev* crowned shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 75 below, emblems below, 7.97g (Marsh 55; MCE 531; S 3853B). *Toned with light surface marks and hairlines, otherwise very fine, reverse better.* £250-300

ex Douro Cargo, Spink Auction 118, 20-21 November 1996, lot 1381 (part)
Calendar year mintage 8,767,250
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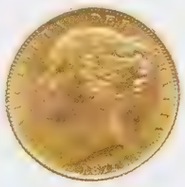

1158 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1871, die number 76, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, die flaw from hair bun to rim between T and I at end of legend, *rev* crowned shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 76 below, 6 lower than 7, emblems below, penultimate F doubled, 7.97g (Marsh 55; MCE 531; S 3853B). *Dig by hair fillets, toned with light surface marks, nicks and hairlines, otherwise good very fine, reverse better.* £250-300

Calendar year mintage 8,767,250
See footnote to lot 1139 for a brief synopsis of the 1871 die numbers

1159 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1871, die number 98, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, date and legend doubled, *rev* crowned shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 98 below, larger 8 than 9, emblems below, M very thick with thin right diagonal, 7.97g (Marsh 55; MCE 531; S 3853B). *Nick on cheek, with underlying proof-like brilliance, scuffed on obverse, otherwise extremely fine, reverse better.* £300-400

ex Randy Weir Numismatics, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, February 1999
Calendar year mintage 8,767,250
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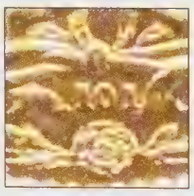

1160 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1871, die number 101, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, *rev* crowned shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 101 below, 1's with only a trace of upper serif, right 1 touches ribbon to right and further spread from 10, emblems below, legend partly doubled, M very thick with thin right diagonal, 7.99g (Marsh 55; MCE 531; S 3853B). *Obverse rim nick, light surface marks, otherwise good extremely fine.* £300-400

ex Randy Weir Numismatics, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, February 1994
Calendar year mintage 8,767,250
See footnote to lot 1139 for a brief synopsis of the 1871 die numbers

1161 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1871, die number 104, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, light die flaw across top of date into field, second word die flawed with last A of legend flawed to rim, *rev* crowned shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 104 below, 4 out of alignment, emblems below, legend partly doubled, 7.97g (Marsh 55; MCE 531; S 3853B). *Some light surface marks, otherwise toned, almost extremely fine.* £300-400

Calendar year mintage 8,767,250
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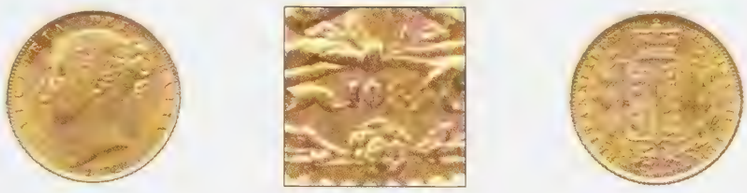

1162 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1871, die number 108, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, light die flaw across top of date and in most letters of legend, *rev* crowned shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 108 below, 8 lower out of alignment, no upper serif to 1, emblems below, legend partly doubled, 7.97g (Marsh 55; MCE 531; S 3853B). *Red blemish on obverse, spots on reverse, scuffed with hairlines and surface marks, otherwise toned, very fine.* £250-300

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Calendar year mintage 8,767,250
See footnote to lot 1139 for a brief synopsis of the 1871 die numbers

1163 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1871, die number 110, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, second 1 die flawed to neck, *rev* crowned shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 110 below, no upper serif to first 1, emblems below, legend partly doubled, 7.98g (Marsh 55; MCE 531; S 3853B). *Light scratch in obverse field behind head, other hairlines and surface marks, otherwise toned, extremely fine, reverse better.* £300-400

Calendar year mintage 8,767,250
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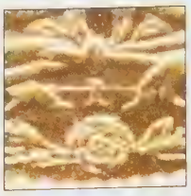
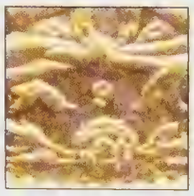


1164 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1872, die number 1, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, die flaw through 1 to neck, third I of legend flawed from rim to head, last A of legend with a trace of a die flaw, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 1 lightly flawed below, emblems below, some doubling in reverse legend, hairline flaw connects some letters, 7.99g (Marsh 56; MCE 533; S 3853B). *Softly struck on high points, toned with some light marks, otherwise extremely fine.* £300-400

Calendar year mintage 13,486,708
This coin is die number 1 of a total of 110 different numbered dies in the Bentley Collection, running from 1 to 112. Marsh claims that only one other exists - number 103. Part three of the collection contains 37 of the 1872 die numbers. This would seem to suggest good die longevity for such a high output in the calendar year as 1872 represents the pinnacle of calendar year output for the reign of Queen Victoria and the highest mintage in a year since the inception of the modern gold Sovereign. However it must be borne in mind that this figure includes the new St George and dragon reverse Sovereign for Queen Victoria, and the non-die number Sovereigns of 1872 too. This is why trying to analyse calendar output against die numbers and variations known is so troublesome. Further study and research perhaps in collaboration with the Royal Mint Museum may prove to be fruitful.
It would be more than 35 years before this total in one calendar year was surpassed. The longevity for the dies can be considered reasonable.

1165 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1872, die number 3, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, die flaw from tip of neck to rim and at last T of legend, hint of doubling to legend both sides, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 3 below, emblems below, 7.99g (Marsh 56; MCE 533; S 3853B). *A few streaks of tone, two light parallel scratches in front of throat, otherwise good extremely fine.* £300-400

ex Douro Cargo, Spink Auction 118, 20-21 November 1996, lot 1383 (part)
Calendar year mintage 13,486,708
See footnote to lot 1164 for a brief synopsis of the 1872 die numbers



1166 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1872, die number 9, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, die flaw through 1 of date to neck and at last T of legend to adjacent I and A, hint of doubling to date and legend both sides, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 9 below, emblems below, 7.97g (Marsh 56; MCE 533; S 3853B). *Red spot by* V *and blemish on harp, surface marks, otherwise good very fine.* £250-300

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Calendar year mintage 13,486,708
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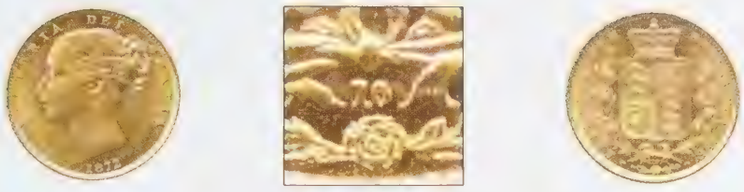

1167 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1872, die number 10, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, die flaw at last A to rim with some other traces of flaws in legend, hint of doubling to date and legend both sides, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 10 below, smaller o than 1, emblems below, 7.98g (Marsh 56; MCE 533; S 3853B). *Tiny digs on neck, proof-like with toning, otherwise extremely fine, reverse better.* £300-400

ex Randy Weir Numismatics, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, 27 September 1990
Calendar year mintage 13,486,708
See footnote to lot 1164 for a brief synopsis of the 1872 die numbers

1168 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1872, die number 15, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, die flaw between T and I in legend, hint of doubling to date and legend both sides, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 15 below, 5 higher than 1, emblems below, 7.98g (Marsh 56; MCE 533; S 3853B). *Some light surface marks, toned, extremely fine, reverse better.* £300-400

ex Randy Weir Numismatics, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, late 1998
Calendar year mintage 13,486,708
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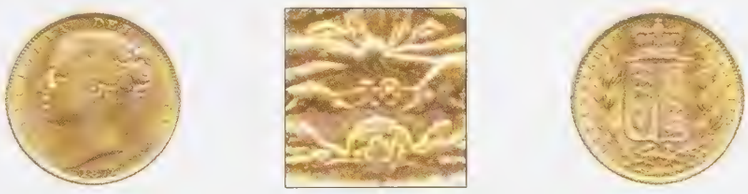

1169 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1872, die number 18, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, only trace of stops visible, date below, first R, D and last A die flawed to rim, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 18 lightly flawed below, 8 higher than 1, emblems below, hint of doubling legend, die flaw at last I and E to rim, 7.95g (Marsh 56; MCE 533; S 3853B). *Some light surface marks and dig on neck, patchy tone, otherwise about very fine, reverse better.* £250-300

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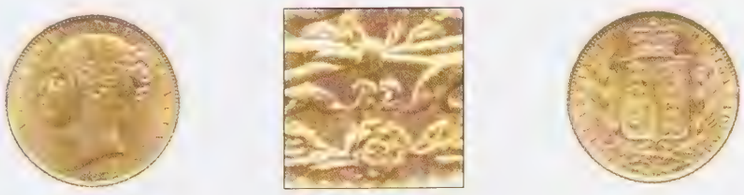

1170 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1872, die number 22, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date lightly doubled below, top right of first T flawed, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 22 lightly flawed below, emblems below, hint of doubling to legend, 7.98g (Marsh 56; MCE 533; S 3853B). *Some light scratches behind head and in front of neck, red spots and blemishes on reverse, surface marks, otherwise very fine.* £250-300

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1171 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1872, die number 23, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date lightly doubled below, 1 with die flaw to neck, last letter I flawed across to A, flaw from rim to hair bun, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 23 below, emblems below, hint of doubling to legend with light raised flaw connecting some letters, 7.98g (Marsh 56; MCE 533; S 3853B). *A few nicks at end of ponytail, other surface marks, otherwise toned, extremely fine, reverse better.* £300-400

ex Douro Cargo, Spink Auction 118, 20-21 November 1996, lot 1386 (part)
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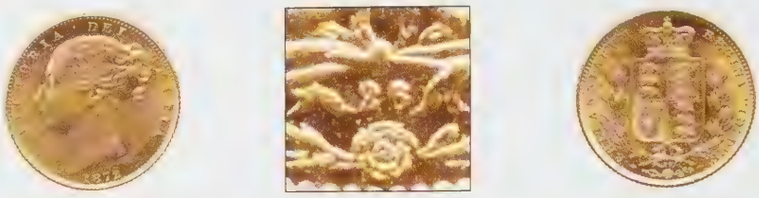

1172 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1872, die number 26, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, die flaw between 1 and 8 of date, last letter T with flaw to rim, hint of doubling to legend both sides, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 26 below, emblems below, legend with light raised flaw connecting some letters, 7.99g (Marsh 56; MCE 533; S 3853B). *Spot under harp, reverse rim nick and other light surface marks, otherwise toned, extremely fine, reverse better.* £300-400

ex Douro Cargo, Spink Auction 118, 20-21 November 1996, lot 1386 (part)
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1173 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1872, die number 30, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, last letter A with flaw to rim, hint of doubling to legend both sides, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 30 below, emblems below, 7.97g (Marsh 56; MCE 533; S 3853B). *Light nicks and hairlines, otherwise brilliant, extremely fine.* £300-400

ex Douro Cargo, Spink Auction 118, 20-21 November 1996, lot 340 (part)
Calendar year mintage 13,486,708
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1174 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1872, die number 32, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date lightly die flawed below, raised die flaws at letter A's of legend and letter G, hint of doubling to legend both sides, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 32 below, emblems below, legend with light raised flaw connecting some letters, 7.97g (Marsh 56; MCE 533; S 3853B). *Some deposit on legend both sides and reverse design, surface marks, otherwise toned, very fine.* £250-300

ex Douro Cargo, Spink Auction 118, 20-21 November 1996, lot 1321 (part)
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1175 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1872, die number 35, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date lightly die flawed below, raised die flaws in some letters like V and hint of doubling to legend both sides, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 35 below, emblems below, 7.97g (Marsh 56; MCE 533; S 3853B). *Scuffed with surface marks, otherwise toned, about very fine, reverse better.* £250-300

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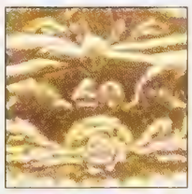

1176 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1872, die number 40, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, 8 with die flaw, flaw above eye on portrait, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 40 below, emblems below, some light doubling and light flaws in reverse legend, 7.99g (Marsh 56; MCE 533; S 3853B). *Two tiny spots on the obverse, one on the reverse, short scratch in obverse field with other light with surface marks, softly struck on reverse crown, otherwise toned, extremely fine / about extremely fine.* £250-300

ex Randy Weir Numismatics, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, 28 September 1994
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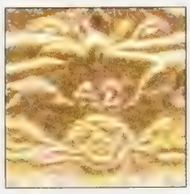

1177 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1872, die number 42, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, V with die flaw, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 42 below, emblems below, some light doubling in reverse legend, 7.98g (Marsh 56; MCE 533; S 3853B). *Light surface marks and scuffs, brilliant, very fine, reverse better.* £250-300

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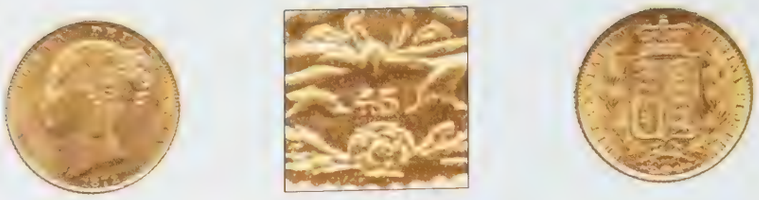

1178 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1872, die number 45, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, 1 and 8 with die flaw and flaw from hair bun to rim along with last I of legend, legend lightly doubled, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 45 lightly flawed below, emblems below, some light flaws in reverse legend, 7.98g (Marsh 56; MCE 533; S 3853B). *Reverse rim nick, red tone, about extremely fine, reverse better.* £300-400

ex Douro Cargo, Spink Auction 118, 20-21 November 1996, lot 571 (part)
ex An Important Collection of Gold Sovereigns 1816-2000, offered as one lot, Sothebys, November 2000, lot 525 (part)
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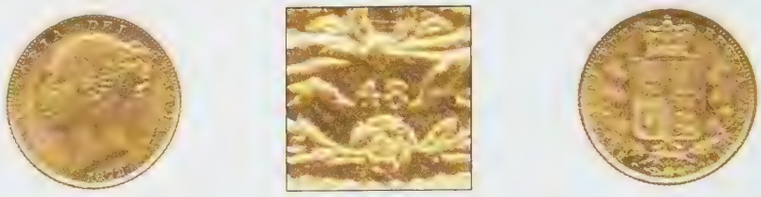

1179 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1872, die number 48, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, hint of doubling in date and legend both sides with some hairline raised flaws, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 48 below, low 8, high 4, emblems below, 7.98g (Marsh 56; MCE 533; S 3853B). *Scratch down neck, spot on reverse and other surface marks, good very fine, reverse better.* £250-300

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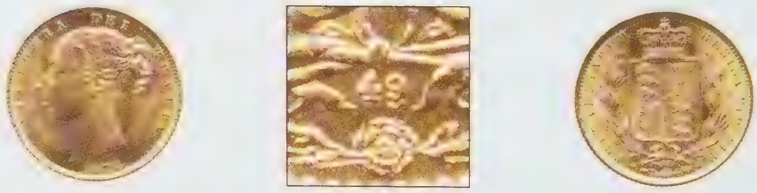

1180 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1872, die number 49, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, hairline raised flaw from neck to letter V, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 49 below doubled, 9 struck over a lower 9, emblems below, 7.99g (Marsh 56; MCE 533; S 3853B). *Black streak of tone behind neck, otherwise brilliant, a truly uncirculated Sovereign, very pleasing.* £600-800

ex Douro Cargo, Spink Auction 118, 20-21 November 1996, lot 1388 (part)
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1181 ℊ **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1872, die number 51, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, die flaw by first W, date below, hairline raised flaw from last I to rim in legend, hint of doubling to legend both sides, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 51 below, emblems below, raised die flaw connects some letters, 7.98g (Marsh 56; MCE 533; S 3853B). *Many light nicks on the obverse, once cleaned with associated surface marks, now toning, otherwise extremely fine, reverse better.* £300-400

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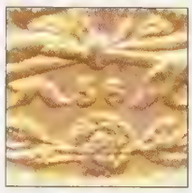

1182 ℊ **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1872, die number 56, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, hairline raised flaw at V and O in legend, other light flaws to legend both sides, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 56 below, emblems below, raised die flaw connects some letters, 7.96g (Marsh 56; MCE 533; S 3853B). *Red spot on the obverse, light surface marks, otherwise very fine, reverse better.* £250-300

ex Douro Cargo, Spink Auction 118, 20-21 November 1996, lot 1324 (part)
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1183 ℊ **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1872, die number 60, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, hairline flaws to date and legend both sides, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 60 below, emblems below, 7.97g (Marsh 56; MCE 533; S 3853B). *Two digs on neck along with other light surface marks and nicks, otherwise good very fine, reverse better.* £250-300

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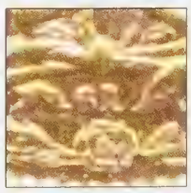

1184 ℊ **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1872, die number 61, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, letter V and last A of legend die flawed, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 61 below, smaller 6 slightly lower than 1, emblems below, light hairline die flaws on reverse rim, 7.96g (Marsh 56; MCE 533; S 3853B). *Heavily surface marked and scuffed, obverse rim bruise, otherwise about very fine, reverse better.* £250-300

ex Randy Weir Numismatics, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, October 1998
Calendar year mintage 13,486,708
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1185 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1872, die number 66, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, hint of raised die flaw and some doubling in legend both sides, *rev* die axis slightly off-centre, crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 66 below, emblems below, light hairline die flaws on reverse rim, 7.98g (Marsh 56; MCE 533; S 3853B). *Tiny red spot on forehead, scratch to left of* 1 *in date and reverse rim nick, otherwise bold very fine, reverse better.* £250-300

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1186 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1872, die number 68, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, *rev* die axis slightly off-centre, crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 68 below, emblems below, some letters lightly doubled, 7.97g (Marsh 56; MCE 533; S 3853B). *Streak of tone in hair, one obverse and one reverse rim nick, underlying brilliance both sides, otherwise proof-like extremely fine.* £300-400

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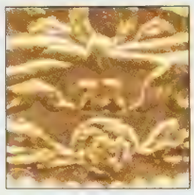

1187 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1872, die number 71, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, last A of legend die flawed to rim, hint of doubling to date and legend both sides, die flaw from top of head to rim, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 71 below, 1 larger than 7, emblems below, 7.96g (Marsh 56; MCE 533; S 3853B). *Scuffs, nicks and surface marks, about very fine, reverse better.* £250-300

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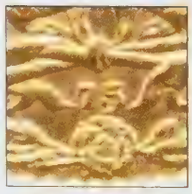

1188 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1872, die number 75, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, die flaw to left of 1 to neck, 2 flawed to rim, last I of legend die flawed to rim, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 75 below, large 5, small 7, emblems below, light hairline die flaws on reverse legend, 7.97g (Marsh 56; MCE 533; S 3853B). *Once polished, streaks of tone by date, otherwise about very fine, reverse better.* £250-300

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1189 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1872, die number 76, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, 1 die flawed to neck, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 76 below, 6 doubled, emblems below, 7.96g (Marsh 56; MCE 533; S 3853B). *Light surface marks and hairlines, obverse rim nick, otherwise about extremely fine, reverse better.* £300-400

ex Randy Weir Numismatics, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, 28 September 1994
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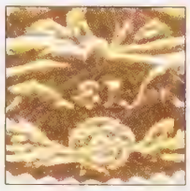

1190 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1872, die number 81, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, penultimate A of legend die flawed, trace of doubling to legend both sides, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 81 below, large 1, small 8, emblems below, light hairline die flaws on reverse legend, 7.97g (Marsh 56; MCE 533; S 3853B). *Toned with light surface marks, about extremely fine, reverse better.* £300-400

ex Douro Cargo, Spink Auction 118, 20-21 November 1996, lot 1389 (part)
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1191 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1872, die number 82, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, 7 of date flawed from rim to neck, die flaw between last IA in legend, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 82 lightly flawed below, emblems below, die flaw from top of crown to rim, 7.96g (Marsh 56; MCE 533; S 3853B). *Toned with light surface marks, very fine.* £250-300

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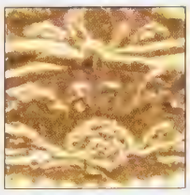

1192 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1872, die number 87, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, 1 of date flawed, V and last A in legend die flawed, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 87 below, emblems below, die flaw connects some letters in doubled legend, 7.98g (Marsh 56; MCE 533; S 3853B). *A number of spots by eye towards legend and light surface marks, very fine, reverse better.* £250-300

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1193 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1872, die number 89, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, date and legend both sides doubled, die flaw from first A to rim and at AT in last word, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 89 lightly flawed below, emblems below, die flaw from G of legend to rim, 7.99g (Marsh 56; MCE 533; S 3853B). *Toned with light surface marks, good extremely fine.* £400-500

ex Randy Weir Numismatics, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, 14 August 1992
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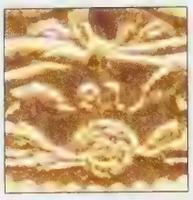

1194 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1872, die number 91, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, date and legend doubled, die flaw at last A of legend, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 91 lightly flawed below, smaller 9 lower than 1, emblems below, 8.00g (Marsh 56; MCE 533; S 3853B). *Brilliant, light surface marks, proof-like, good extremely fine.* £400-500

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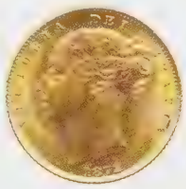
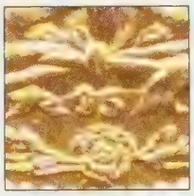

1195 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1872, die number 95, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, date and legend doubled, die flaw at VI and last A of legend to rim, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 95 lightly flawed below, emblems below, some light die flaws in reverse legend, 7.99g (Marsh 56; MCE 533; S 3853B). *Toned with light surface marks, good extremely fine.* £400-500

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1196 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1872, die number 97, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, die flaw at V of legend, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 97 below, emblems below, 7.97g (Marsh 56; MCE 533; S 3853B). *Toned with light surface marks, very fine, reverse better.* £250-300

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1197 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1872, die number 100, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, die flawed 1 in date to neck, hint of doubling to legend, last A of legend die flawed, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 100 below, 1 doubled, emblems below, hairline die flaws in reverse legend, 7.99g (Marsh 56; MCE 533; S 3853B). *Surfaces of matt appearance, light surface marks, good extremely fine.* £300-400

ex Randy Weir Numismatics, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, 29 October 1992
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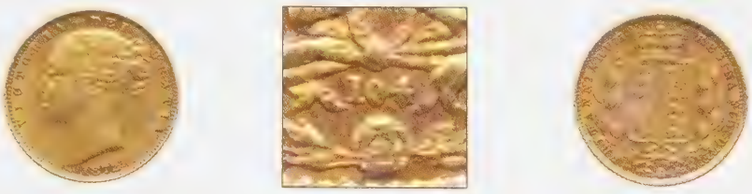
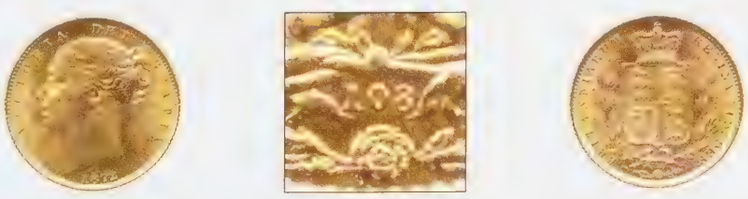


1198 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1872, die number 104, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, trace of raised die flaw in Queen's name, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 104 below, some filling on 0 and 4, emblems below, hairline die flaws in reverse legend, 7.96g (Marsh 56; MCE 533; S 3853B). *Black spot each side, red tone, surface marks and nicks, otherwise good fine, reverse better.* £300-400

ex Paul Davies Ltd, Ilkley, January 2008
Calendar year mintage 13,486,708
See footnote to lot 1164 for a brief synopsis of the 1872 die numbers

1199 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1872, die number 106, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, very light hint of doubling to date and legend both sides, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 106 below, 1 touches left ribbon and the number out of alignment in an arc, emblems below, 7.99g (Marsh 56; MCE 533; S 3853B). *Red spots each side, otherwise brilliant, good extremely fine.* £300-400

ex Douro Cargo, Spink Auction 118, 20-21 November 1996, lot 1393 (part)
Calendar year mintage 13,486,708
See footnote to lot 1164 for a brief synopsis of the 1872 die numbers



1200 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1872, die number 108, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, very light hint of doubling to legend both sides, *rev* die axis off-centre, crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 108 below, number out of alignment in an ascending arc, emblems below, hairline flaw in some letters of legend, 7.99g (Marsh 56; MCE 533; S 3853B). *Some streaks of tone, extremely fine.* £300-400

ex Randy Weir Numismatics, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, 29 October 1992
Calendar year mintage 13,486,708
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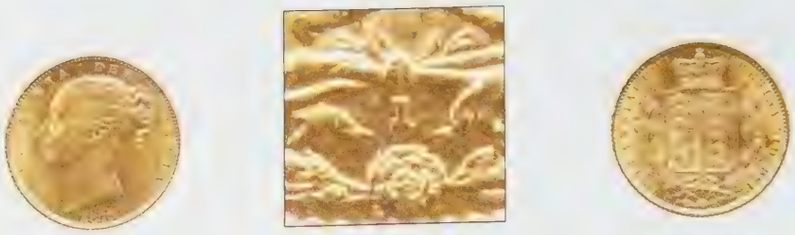
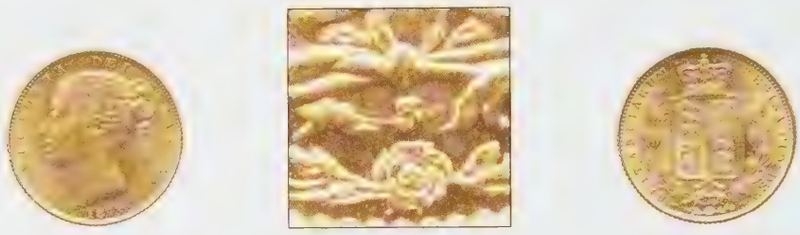


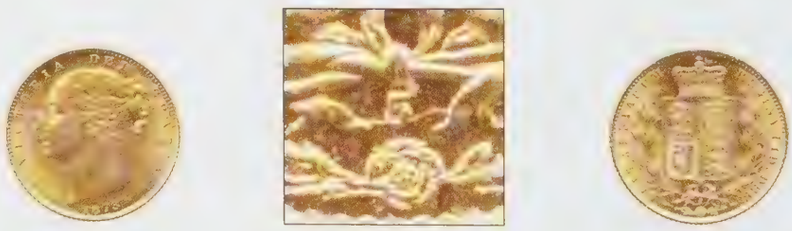
1201 ℊ **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1873, die number 1, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, open lower part to 3 in date, date and legend doubled in places both sides, 1 flawed from rim to neck, V flawed to rim, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 1 below, emblems below, U of legend flawed to rim, 7.98g (Marsh 57; MCE 535; S 3853B). *Some light surface marks, extremely fine, reverse better.* £300-400

ex Douro Cargo, Spink Auction 118, 20-21 November 1996, lot 1395 (part)
Calendar year mintage 2,368,215
This coin is die number 1 of a total of 27 different numbered dies in the Bentley Collection for 1873, running from 1 to 107. Marsh claims that 75 others exist! With so many absent from this collection, it makes a total of 102 reverse dies to strike just over 2 million Sovereigns. This suggests very uneconomic longevity indeed for the dies as this output figure also includes the St George and dragon reverse coins of 1873. This cataloguer feels that the die numbers recorded for 1873 in Marsh may be unreliable and could be some sort of human or typographical error, perhaps transposing 1872 known die numbers for 1873 which is more likely. The fact there are some rather large gaps in the die numbering of the Bentley specimens leaves the verdict open. What we can say is in twenty years of seriously looking, most of the numbers claimed to exist have just not been on the marketplace. Part three of the collection contains 9 of the 1873 die numbers.



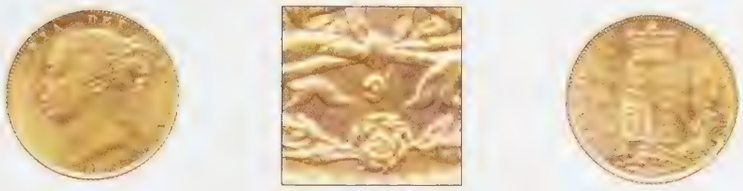
1202 ℊ **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1873, die number 3, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, date and legend doubled in places both sides, flaw to left of date to neck, V flawed and further flaws between D and E and between I and A, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 3 lightly flawed below, emblems below, 7.98g (Marsh 57; MCE 535; S 3853B). *Toned, good very fine, reverse better.* £300-400

ex Douro Cargo, Spink Auction 118, 20-21 November 1996, lot 576 (part)
ex An Important Collection of Gold Sovereigns 1816-2000, offered as one lot, Sothebys, November 2000, lot 525 (part)
Calendar year mintage 2,368,215
See footnote to lot 1201 for a brief synopsis of the 1873 die numbers



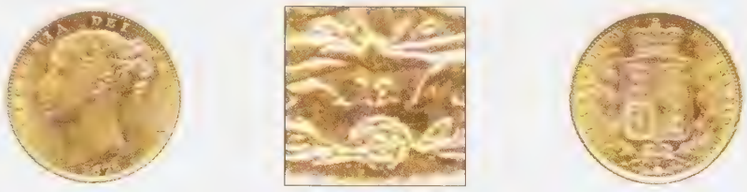
1203 ℊ **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1873, die number 5, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, date and legend slightly doubled, V flawed and further flaw to rim between I and A, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 5 lightly flawed below, emblems below, some letters in legend die flawed, 8.00g (Marsh 57; MCE 535; S 3853B). *Light hairlines and surface marks, otherwise good extremely fine.* £300-400

Calendar year mintage 2,368,215
See footnote to lot 1201 for a brief synopsis of the 1873 die numbers



1204 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1873, die number 9, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, legend slightly doubled both sides, V flawed and further flaw to rim between I and A, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 9 doubled below, emblems below, some letters in legend die flawed, 7.99g (Marsh 57; MCE 535; S 3853B). *Two hairline scratches on obverse, some scuffs, rim nick each side, otherwise toned, extremely fine.* £300-400

ex Randy Weir Numismatics, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, October 1998
Calendar year mintage 2,368,215
See footnote to lot 1201 for a brief synopsis of the 1873 die numbers



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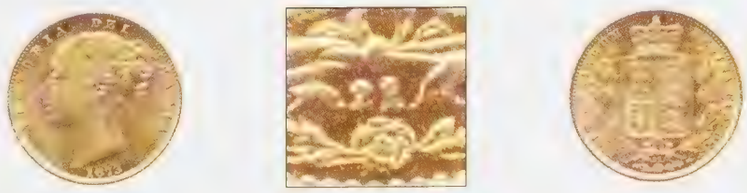
Calendar year mintage 2,368,215
See footnote to lot 1201 for a brief synopsis of the 1873 die numbers

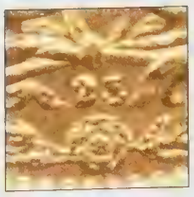
1206 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1873, die number 17, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, date and legend slightly doubled both sides, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 17 below, emblems below, some letters in legend die flawed, 7.98g (Marsh 57; MCE 535; S 3853B). *Scratch on cheek and by eye, some light surface marks, otherwise toned, extremely fine.* £300-400

ex Randy Weir Numismatics, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, 12 November 1990
Calendar year mintage 2,368,215
See footnote to lot 1201 for a brief synopsis of the 1873 die numbers



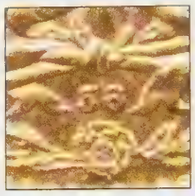
1207 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1873, die number 21, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, last A die flawed to rim with other letters connected in last word, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 21 below, very thick tall 1, emblems below, some letters in legend die flawed, 7.98g (Marsh 57; MCE 535; S 3853B). *Hairlined, toned, very fine / extremely fine.* £250-300

Calendar year mintage 2,368,215
See footnote to lot 1201 for a brief synopsis of the 1873 die numbers



1208 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1873, die number 23, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, date and legend slightly doubled both sides, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 23 below, thick figures, emblems below, 7.98g (Marsh 57; MCE 535; S 3853B). *Dig on crown band, reverse rim nick, dig on cheek and other light surface marks, toned, good very fine / extremely fine.* £250-300

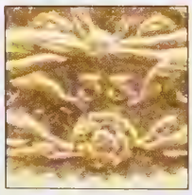
Calendar year mintage 2,368,215
See footnote to lot 1201 for a brief synopsis of the 1873 die numbers



1209 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1873, die number 36, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, legend slightly doubled, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 36 below, emblems below, 7.98g (Marsh 57; MCE 535; S 3853B). *Some light digs and surface marks, toned, very fine / good very fine.* £250-300

Calendar year mintage 2,368,215
See footnote to lot 1201 for a brief synopsis of the 1873 die numbers

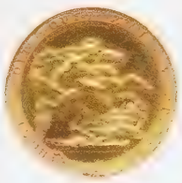
The Very Rare Victoria 1874 Shield Reverse Sovereign, Die Number 33



1210 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1874, die number 33, third young head left, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, date and legend slightly doubled, *rev* crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 33 below, 3's blundered and filled, emblems below, 7.98g (Marsh 58; MCE 537; S 3853B). *Dig near eye and scratch under date, numerous hairline scratches all over the obverse and one small scratch in reverse legend, otherwise very fine / good very fine and the rarest die number for 1874, still less than five known to the cataloguer, extremely rare.* £4000-5000

ex Randy Weir, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, purchased 21 June 1995
Calendar year mintage 520,713
This coin is die number 33 of a total of 3 different numbered dies in the Bentley Collection for 1874, running intermittently from 28 to 33. Marsh claims that 4 others exist, making a total of 7 possible dies for this rare shield reverse. There were also 1874 dated St George and Dragon reverse coins included in the output figure of just over ½ million Sovereigns. This suggests very good die longevity indeed but most were likely the St George reverse in reality as the shield reverse of this date is very elusive. Neither the Bentley collector, or this cataloguer have ever seen any of the other 4 die numbers claimed to exist by Marsh.

The Unique 1870 Pattern Sovereign Muled with George III Style Reverse



1211 *G* **Victoria,** Pattern Sovereign, 1870, engraved after William Wyon, second larger young head left, with double fillet, WW in relief without stops on truncation, date below, toothed border both sides, VICTORIA DEI GRATIA, some light doubling of legend, *rev* inverted die axis, mule with George III reverse, engraved after Benedetto Pistrucci, St George slaying dragon right with broken lance, groundline with BP incuse to left, all within horizontally ruled garter with buckle, W W P incuse on sides of buckle, garter motto HONI . SOIT . QUI . MAL . Y . PENSE ., some serifs weak in motto, edge milled with angled rims, 7.95g, 22mm (WR 313 R7, *this coin*; Douglas-Morris 208). *Has been lightly polished in fields, some heavy hairlines, tiny rim bruise at 7 o'clock on the obverse and a little dirt deposit further around, otherwise good extremely fine, the only Sovereign known muled between different reigns, unique.* £20,000-25,000

ex Captain Vivian Hewitt collection, sold privately to Spink and Son Ltd, c.1969
ex Captain K J Douglas Morris collection, Sothebys, 26 November 1974, lot 208
ex Bank Leu, Zürich, 26 October 2004, lot 444, bought via Spink and Son Ltd
The date of this pattern piece coincides with the time of the introduction of the third type of young head obverse as defined in the Bentley Collection, though it happens to have the earlier second type bust as seen on the 1870 currency sovereign with die number 1 (see lot 1128).

The Extremely Rare Proof 1880 Sovereign with Shield Reverse, Plain Edge

1212 *G* **Victoria,** Pattern Sovereign, 1880, engraved after William Wyon, third young head left, with double fillet, W.W. in relief on truncation, date below, toothed border and raised rim both sides, VICTORIA DEI GRATIA, one light raised die flaw down cheek from hair, *rev* struck with en médaille die axis, engraved after Jean Baptiste Merlen, crowned shield of arms within laurel wreath tied with bow below shield, seven harp strings in Irish arms, left string emanates from scroll, emblems below, small rosette either side, BRITANNIARUM REGINA FID: DEF:, a couple of letters lightly doubled, edge plain, 7.95g, 21.8mm (WR 323 R5; Murdoch 513; Nobleman 273; Douglas-Morris 213). *Tiny red spot each side, cloudy tone, otherwise brilliant as struck and probably struck for display at the Melbourne International Exhibition in 1881 (Australia), extremely rare.* £15,000-20,000

ex Virgil M Brand collection, d.1926, dispersed post mortem from c.1932
ex Spink Numismatic Circular, December 1992, item 7601
ex An Important Collection of Gold Sovereigns 1816-2000, offered as one lot, Sothebys, November 2000, lot 525 (part)
Sovereigns of proof quality from highly polished dies would be struck as a matter of record for the Mint and probably for presentation to highly important persons. It seems that in 1880 the Deputy Master of the Melbourne Mint, V Delves Broughton, approached London requesting examples of coins and medals produced for display at the International Exhibition in Melbourne. Mr C W Fremantle, the Comptroller at the Royal Mint, agreed to prepare two proof examples of each of the current coins of 1880 and earlier dates which were struck in such quantity that when prepared for shipment weighed 2cwt. and 19lb. The Museum of Victoria in Australia still retains one of the 1880 "Imperial Proof Sets", the other was seemingly traded after the exhibition for a collection of ancient coins and not long after found its way to the collection of Virgil Brand.
For further reading on the subject of special strikings made by the Mint for exhibition in Australia see the Journal of the Numismatic Association of Australia, vol 2, article by John Sharples, *The Numismatic Collection of the Museum of Victoria*, available online at the Association website.

The Very Pleasing 1871 St George Proof Sovereign

1213 ℊ **Victoria,** Proof Sovereign, 1871, young head of third style left, WW buried over recut WW and more apparent in thin truncation in relief, tip of neck points downwards, finely toothed border within twin linear concentric circles and raised rim both sides, VICTORIA D: G: BRITANNIAR: REG: F: D:, *rev* struck en médaille, St George slaying dragon with sword, dragon claws thinner and some detached, three to left and three to right arm, horse with long tail ending in three strands no spurs of extra hair halfway, broken lance on ground-line to left, WWP in relief under lance, date in exergue, narrow date slightly doubled, tiny complete B.P. to upper right, edge plain, 8.00g, 21.8mm (WR 315 R4; Douglas-Morris 210-1). *Pleasing yellow gold tone, brilliant, well defined strike, a few light surface marks, black mark on reverse rim at top, hairline mark from neck to cheek, well frosted, practically as struck and very rare.* £6000-8000

This is the slightly rarer type of 1871 Proof Sovereign encountered with the plain edge and the tiny B.P. initials in exergue. Some of the rarity ratings in the Wilson Rasmussen book seem jumbled in that this coin is rated slightly more common than it is in commerce, perhaps ratings were based on what was seen in Institutional collections only like with Peck's rating on the copper coins in the British Museum. This 1871 proof is one of six in total in the Bentley Collection of this date.

The Extremely Rare Milled Edge Proof Sovereign of 1871

1214 *G* **Victoria,** Proof Sovereign, with milled edge, 1871, young head left of third style left, engraved after William Wyon, with double fillet in hair, WW buried over recut WW in thin truncation in relief and more apparent, tip of neck points outwards, nostril more rounded than the coin in lot 1213, finely toothed border within twin linear concentric circles and raised rim both sides, VICTORIA D: G: BRITANNIAR: REG: F: D:, letter A's and colons doubled, *rev* inverted die axis, engraved after Benedetto Pistrucci, St George slaying dragon with sword, horse with long tail ending in three strands, one extra spur of hair at top left of tail where it curves around, dragon claws all attached, four to left and three to right arm, broken lance on ground-line to left, WWP in relief under lance, date in exergue, wider date, no ghosting, larger B.P. to upper right, the B incomplete, edge milled, 8.00g, 22.1mm (WR 317 R5; Douglas-Morris 212; S 3856A). *Pleasing red copper tone, well defined strike, some hairlines, nick on chin, otherwise practically as struck and of extreme rarity.* £10,000-15,000

ex Property of a Gentleman, Spink Auction 124, 18 November 1997, lot 2033

These extremely rare proofs were no doubt struck as a matter of record and for presentation to very important people upon the revival of the St George reverse design. The hardest coins to locate amongst these proofs are the milled edge varieties of which there are two types, the other type was previously offered in part one of the Bentley Collection and sold for £14,000 hammer. There are many subtle differences that occur with the designs of these proofs which perhaps is due to some being struck much later than others. With the obverse, the tip of the neck can point outward or downward, and the treatment of the WW on the neck can differ. On the reverse, the treatment of the horse's tail can differ, not only with its terminal strands but just around the outside curve of the tail at the top, a spur, or two spurs of extra tail hair can occur. The streamer on St George's helmet can differ in the depiction of the strands which is probably more due to die weakness, as can his cloak, where the hemline can be indistinct. The dragon's claws also can be all attached or some detached which again is due partly to progressive weakness in some dies, but there are at least two arrangements of the claws anyway. The most obvious difference is the treatment of the B.P. in exergue, which can be large or small and the date figures can be in or out of line. Some of these features are more differential in the succeeding currency pieces.

1215 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1871, young head left, WW buried in thin truncation in relief over trace of another WW, truncation points outwards, first D of legend die flawed to rim, other hairline flaws in some letters, further flaw on cheek, *rev* die axis inverted but slightly off-centre, St George slaying dragon with sword, horse with short tail, two strand terminal with two other slightly shorter strands, no extra spur of hair, wider date in exergue, large B.P. mistruck to upper right, only a trace of upper serifs to letters, hairline die flaw into field from claws area, 7.99g (Marsh 84A; MCE 532; S 3856). *Light hairlines and surface marks, toned, good extremely fine.* £300-350

ex Randy Weir, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, purchased 13 August 1992
Calendar year mintage 8,767,250. This Calendar output no doubt consists mainly of the shield reverse die number sovereigns. The engraver initials on the exergue of the reverse seem to be quite haphazard in this issue whether large or small. They seem to have been quite susceptible to blockages on the die and often only a trace of the initials can be seen, more often seen with the small B.P. variety. In fact the so called no B.P. variety may be the product of a blocked die rather than being unintentionally missed in punching the die.

1216 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1871, young head left, trace of WW buried in thin truncation in relief, legend incomplete after F due to faulty strike, last A of legend die flawed to rim, *rev* St George slaying dragon with sword, horse with long tail, three strand terminal, no extra spur of hair, narrow date in exergue, small B.P. to upper right, 7.97g (Marsh 84; MCE 532; S 3856A). *Light hairlines and surface marks, about very fine.* £250-300

ex St James's Auction 5, 27 September 2006, lot 674
Calendar year mintage 8,767,250

1217 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1872, young head left, WW buried in thin truncation in relief, ponytail a little detached, last D of legend die flawed to rim, *rev* St George slaying dragon with sword, profile and date a little doubled, horse with long tail, three strand terminal, no extra spur of hair, narrow date in exergue, small B.P. to upper right, 7.98g (Marsh 85; MCE 532; S 3856A). *Light hairlines and surface marks, good extremely fine.* £300-400

Calendar year mintage 13,486,708. This Calendar output no doubt consists mainly of the shield reverse die number sovereigns. This seems to be a different obverse with no trace of a WW under the other WW.

1218 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1872, young head left, WW buried in thin truncation in relief, ponytail complete, mistruck first half of legend with only the initial V visible, *rev* St George slaying dragon with sword, profile and date a little doubled, horse with long tail, three strand terminal, one extra spur of hair, narrow date in exergue, small B.P to upper right, no second stop, 7.96g (Marsh 85; MCE 532; S 3856A). *Cleaned with hairlines and scuffs, good fine and unusual.* £250-300

Calendar year mintage 13,486,708

1219 **Victoria,** Fantasy Uniface Reverse, dated 1872, struck in copper on an uneven flan of crude style, St George slaying dragon with sword, horse with long tail, broken lance on groundline to left, no WWP or BP, small date in exergue, beaded border, edge plain with bevelled rims, 4.66g, 22.4mm. *Good very fine.* £100-150

Perhaps made by a practising forger or for a plaque

1220 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1876, date double struck, young head left, ponytail complete, WW buried in thin truncation in relief, ponytail a little detached, incomplete lower curl, *rev* St George slaying dragon with sword, horse with long tail, three strand end to tail, one spur of extra hair on curve of tail, one dragon claw detached, date in exergue, small number 3, tiny B.P. to upper right, 7.98g (Marsh 88; MCE 539; S 3856A). *Some dirt around rim, heavy surface marks and nicks with hairlines, very fine / good very fine.* £250-300

purchased from Ebay, March 2008
Calendar year mintage 3,318,866
As there was no output of Sovereigns either side of 1876 it would seem prudent to think all of this number were 1876 dated Sovereigns, unless of course any dies from 1874 were still in use.

1221 ℊ **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1878, young head left, ponytail a little detached, WW buried in thin truncation in relief, *rev* St George slaying dragon with sword, horse with long tail, three strand end to tail, one spur of extra hair on curve of tail, dragon with three claws to left and four to right arm, some detached, date in exergue, only slight trace of B.P. to upper right, P only visible, 7.96g (Marsh 89; MCE 540; S 3856A). *Heavy surface marks and scuffs, otherwise fine.* £300-350

ex Reserve Bank of Australia sale, Downies, November 2005, lot 1426, via Winsor & Sons, Jamberoo, Australia, December 2006
Calendar year mintage 1,091,275
Again it seems likely that most, if not all of this issue was 1878 dated coins, there being no 1877 issue and with the following year of 1879 being incredibly low in output and the dated 1879 coins today being extremely rare, it seems unlikely there was overlap either end of 1878 in striking coins of that date.

The Extremely Rare Milled Edge Proof Sovereign of 1880, St George Reverse

1222 ℊ **Victoria,** Proof Sovereign, 1880, engraved after William Wyon, young head left of third style, with double fillet, ponytail complete, WW buried in thin truncation in relief meets field, finely toothed border within twin linear concentric circles and bevelled rim both sides, VICTORIA D: G: BRITANNIAR: REG: F: D:, *rev* struck with inverted die axis, after Benedetto Pistrucci, St George slaying dragon with sword, horse with long tail, three strand end to tail, one spur of extra hair on curve of tail, dragon with four claws to left and three to right arm, all attached, broken lance on ground-line to left, WWP in relief under lance, date in exergue, tiny B.P. to upper right, edge milled, 7.97g, 22.1mm (WR 325 R6; Murdoch 514; Nobleman -; Douglas-Morris -). *Well defined strike from quite yellow gold with a nice cameo contrast between design and field, once polished with light surface marks and hairlines, otherwise practically as struck and of the highest rarity.* £12,000-15,000

ex Spink Numismatic Circular, December 1992, item 7602
ex An Important Collection of Gold Sovereigns 1816-2000, offered as one lot, Sothebys, November 2000, lot 525 (part)
Interestingly the plate coin in Wilson and Rasmussen is a repeat of the plain edge piece on the page before (WR324), therefore no example of the milled edge proof could be photographed at the time the book was published, proving this coin perhaps rarer than its plain edge counterpart.
This Proof is of the highest rarity and was perhaps struck by order of the Melbourne Mint for display at the International Exhibition in 1880 in Australia. Deputy Master of the Melbourne Mint, V Delves Broughton, approached the London Royal Mint during 1879, and C W Fremantle, Deputy Master at London supplied two specimen proofs of each coin in issue, one to display an obverse, the other to show a reverse.
For further reading see the Journal of the Australian Numismatic Association, vol 2, 1986, article by John Sharples, *The Numismatic Collection of the Museum of Victoria.*

1223 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1880, young head left, WW buried in thin truncation in relief touches field, trace of doubling in some letters of legend, *rev* St George slaying dragon with sword, incomplete hem to cloak, horse with short tail, three strand end to tail plus one higher, two spurs of extra hair on curve of tail, dragon with three claws to left and four to right arm, one detached, date in exergue, no BP to upper right, 7.98g (Marsh 91; MCE 542; S 3856B). *Many light surface marks and nicks, extremely fine.* £250-300

ex Randy Weir Numismatics, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, purchased October 1990
Calendar year mintage 3,650,080
A massive increase on the year before, many dies must have been engraved for 1880 and we have a different rendering of the horse tail, now shorter and with two spurs at the upper curve of the tail plus there is an incomplete hem to St George's cloak.

The Victoria 8 Over 7, 1880 St George Reverse Sovereign

1224 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1880, second 8 struck over 7, young head left, with double fillet, W.W. buried in thin truncation in relief, second W into field, first G of legend doubled, *rev* St George slaying dragon with sword, horse with long tail, three strand end to tail, one spur of extra hair on curve of tail, dragon with three claws to left and three to right arm, some claws detached, date in exergue lightly die flawed, tiny indistinct B.P. to upper right, 7.99g (Marsh 91A; MCE 542; S 3856D). *Red spot on neck, scuffed with some scratches behind bun of hair, some light surface marks, extremely fine, reverse better.* £300-400

ex Douro Cargo, Spink Auction 118, 20-21 November 1996, lot 596
Calendar year mintage 3,650,080
It seems there were some unused reverse dies left due to the low mintage output of 1879. These dies obviously did not have the full date yet punched in but displayed merely "187" and were waiting in stock it seems, perhaps because of the lack of a couple of years striking in London in the 1870s. This unused die stock was converted for use in 1880 by punching an 8 over the 7 then finishing the date off with a 0. Other aspects of the reverse also match with characteristics of 1870s reverse dies of the long tail variety. This overdate was discovered for the first time in the Douro Cargo coins that were sold by auction in November 1996 by Spink and Son Ltd.

1225 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1880, second young head left, W.W. complete on truncation in relief, second W intrudes field, hair with double fillet, ponytail with only a trace of the lower part of the curl, G of legend doubled, *rev* St George slaying dragon with sword, hemline of cloak is incomplete, horse with short tail, three strand end to tail plus one higher, two spurs of extra hair on curve of tail, dragon with three claws to left and three to right arm, two detached, date in exergue, only a trace of B.P. present no stops, 7.99g (Marsh 91E; MCE 542; S 3856F). *Very light surface marks and nicks, rim nicks, extremely fine.* £250-300

ex Douro Cargo, Spink Auction 118, 20-21 November 1996, lot 598
Calendar year mintage 3,650,080
In this higher calendar year output a new obverse become evident, the second to be coupled with the St George and dragon reverse. The most obvious feature is the initials on the truncation which are now fully complete with stops, but there is also a slight difference in the ponytail of hair.

1226 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1885, second young head left, W.W. complete on truncation in relief, second W intrudes field, ponytail complete, lowest curl weak, some letters doubled, die flaw at EG of legend, *rev* St George slaying dragon with sword, complete hemline to cloak, horse with short tail, three strand end to tail plus one higher, two spurs of extra hair on curve of tail, dragon with three claws to left and four to right arm, one lower claw detached, date in exergue, rim flaw to left side of exergue, tiny indistinct BP to upper right edge, only B apparent, 7.99g (Marsh 93; MCE 545; S 3856F). *Scratch down bust, with nicks, surface marks and hairlines, extremely fine.* £250-300

ex Randy Weir Numismatics, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, purchased October 1990
Calendar year mintage 717,723

The Jubilee Style Bust Coinage For the Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria

Much like today with our current Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012, preparations for Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee of 1887 were underway years in advance. The Queen herself had first signified that she was willing for a change in portrait on the coinage as she had been most impressed by a portrait medal of her effigy by Mr Joseph Edgar Boehm RA (6 July 1834 - 12 December 1890) modelled from life. A large plaster model was prepared by Boehm in his studio, and from this metal copies were taken and then reduced for coinage. The first proposed coinage patterns appear from 1880 in base metals and silver, the Queen having sat for her portrait with Boehm in February of that year. The resulting currency coinage produced for 1887 included a commemorative gold Five Pound and Two Pound coin issued together for the first time since 1826. There were sets available in various guises officially for sale as proof or currency quality, with cases costing extra. The Jubilee coinage also marks for the first time in the British currency coinage the die axis being upright (en médaille). All die axes previously on coinage were of the inverted orientation and upright axis was reserved for medals or patterns. The obverse legend appears slightly more abbreviated than the last young head issue too. Apart from this, and the obvious bust change, the coinage is very similar to the previous young head St George type with a milled edge.

The story of the gestation of the coinage was revealed in a series of Royal Mint correspondence, the elements of which have been published in the British Numismatic Journal by G P Dyer and Mark Stocker in 1984. What can be seen is that the resulting currency coins were received with mixed reaction from the public, much to the consternation of C W Fremantle, the Deputy Master of the Mint who had fully supported the design. The populus accepted the change in celebration of the Jubilee, but more seriously criticism of the design was given by critics at the Royal Academy for the way the crown appeared upon the Queen's head, and the coinage was much discussed in Parliament. Comments ranged from such as "this toy crown" and "too small to be realistic," as had the Queen turned or moved the crown would have tumbled from her head.

More seriously, the Sixpence and Half-Sovereign coins being of similar dimensions and unfortunately of similar design, meant the Sixpences were quickly gilt by the unscrupulous and passed as gold coins. The Numismatic Society again were vocal about this, saying that the Mint had a precedent in 1821 when the Half Sovereign design had to be changed after one year as it was too similar to the sixpence. In 1887 the Sixpence became the withdrawn coin and the reverse design regressed to what it was before. The Numismatic Society and its President Sir John Evans, amongst others, continued to criticise the designs and the Jubilee portrait only lasted on British coins from 1887-1892 inclusive. Even the Queen herself had remarked on her displeasure of this coinage during 1888. In Melbourne and Sydney, Australia, the portrait continued briefly into 1893 on the gold coins. Boehm having died in 1890, was no longer around to see the change so soon after the Jubilee, and the criticism received may well have contributed to his demise, though he was kept very busy with his sculpture work.

For further reading see British Numismatic Journal 1984, p.274-288 *"Edgar Boehm and the Jubilee Coinage"* by G P Dyer and Mark Stocker.

Extremely Rare Silver Victoria Pattern Sovereign, dated 1885

1227 **Victoria (1837-1901),** Pattern Sovereign, 1885, struck in silver, engraved by Joseph Edgar Boehm, smaller narrower Jubilee, older veiled bust left, veil touches end of legend, blank full truncation arcing round border, with small Imperial crown with small trefoils, cross on crown meets border, wearing 12 pearl necklace, garter star visible on breast overlaps sash, just intrudes field below, smaller breast brooch further back on truncation, crenellated collar to dress, pearl drop ear ring, with less hair visible, VICTORIA D:G: BRITT: REG: F: D:, last colon clear of veil, veil decoration under crown, finely toothed border within twin linear concentric circles and raised rim both sides, *rev* struck en médaille, engraved after Benedetto Pistrucci, St George slaying dragon with sword, no streamer on helmet, with complete cloak hemline, horse with more mane hair and short tail, three strand end to tail, one spur of extra hair on curve of tail, dragon with three claws to left and four to right arm, all attached, broken lance on ground-line to left, WWP in relief under lance, date in exergue, full tiny BP to upper right, without stops, edge milled, 5.02g, 22mm (BNJ 1984, p.274, pl.2, no.13). *Attractively toned, a hint of cabinet friction, otherwise practically as struck and of the highest rarity.* £5000-6000

ex Baldwin's Auction 13, 28 May 1997, lot 2042

This early proposal in silver differs quite markedly from currency in the smaller details as described above. The St George and dragon reverse continues to be used for all Sovereigns up to the present century. For further reading see British Numismatic Journal 1984 - Edgar Boehm and the Jubilee Coinage, by G P Dyer and Mark Stocker.

Extremely Rare Victoria Jubilee Type Pattern Sovereign, dated 1887

1228 *G* **Victoria,** Pattern Sovereign, 1887, engraved by Joseph Edgar Boehm, Jubilee tall veiled bust left with older features, veil with two rows of crenellations, with small Imperial crown, large fleurs inside, top cross on crown meets the border, wearing 14 pearl necklace, brooch at front with incuse jewel, half a garter star at base of bust under sash, decorated border to dress bust, J.E.B. high on truncation into field with stops, angled J, second repositioned legend closer to crown, two bead pearl drop ear ring, VICTORIA D:G: BRITT: REG: F: D:, finely toothed border within twin linear concentric circles and raised rim both sides, outer rim blends with teeth, *rev* struck en médaille, after Benedetto Pistrucci, St George slaying dragon with sword, extra mane hair above hand holding rein, horse with short tail, three strand end to tail, two spurs of extra hair on curve of tail, dragon with three claws to left and four to right arm, one lower claw detached, broken lance on ground-line to left, WWP in relief under lance, date in exergue, complete tiny B.P. to upper right, edge milled, 7.89g, 22mm (Spink, *Numismatic Circular*, April 2001, article by S Hill, p.89; WR -; S -). *Some light handling marks, otherwise practically as struck and still one of only two known in private hands, of the highest rarity.* £4000-5000

ex Spink Auction 1279, 12 July 2001, lot 167
This coin was the first to be discovered and is the same piece illustrated with enlargement in the Spink Circular article by S. Hill. The most obvious difference between this pattern and the adopted currency design is the extra pearl in the Queen's necklace.

1229 *G* **Victoria,** Sovereign, 1887, first legend, Jubilee veiled bust left, top cross on crown meets border, double struck J.E.B. fully on truncation, angled J, the E of the initials quite dramatically doubled, first type legend further from crown, hairline raised die flaw joins some letters in legend, *rev* St George slaying dragon with sword, horse with short tail, date in exergue, tiny B.P. to upper right, 7.98g (Marsh 125; MCE 547; S 3866). *Some light bagmarks, otherwise extremely fine and unusual.* £300-350

ex Paul Davies Ltd, Ilkley, June 2008
Calendar year mintage 1,111,280
This coin depicts the first legend type further from the crown and the initials are fully on the truncation. For a full description of every aspect of a Jubilee type Sovereign, see lot 322 in part one of the Bentley Collection.

The Reign of King George VI (1936-1952)
House of Windsor

Born: 14 December 1895
Accession: 11 December 1936
Married: Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, 26 April 1923
Coronation: Wednesday, 12 May 1937
Children: two daughters
Died: 6 February 1952, aged 56

Thomas Humphrey Paget (September 1893-May 1974) was the designer of the coinage and postage stamps of not only King George VI but also for his elder brother King Edward VIII, who abdicated the throne in December 1936. Paget had prepared designs of Edward looking to the left like his Father King George V, therefore breaking with the tradition in place since the reign of Charles II, of succeeding monarchs facing in the opposite direction to their predecessor. He did not see why he should not face the same way as his Father, and seemed keen to break old-fashioned tradition when he could.

King George VI, was happy to follow the tradition of facing the opposite way to his predecessor on the coinage, and as Edward should have faced right he decided he would face left on his coinage. Gold coinage was no longer required for currency as Great Britain was no longer on the Gold Standard and so gold Five Pound, Two Pound, Sovereign and Half-Sovereign were only produced for the one occasion, the Coronation of 1937. The story of the design and gestation, to be struck as gold proof sets, was told in more detail in Baldwin's Auction 69, 3 May 2011, lot 754, where a matt proof gold set was sold. The Bentley Collection contains the other 1937 matt proof gold set in private hands, which is offered here.

Opportunity was also taken to recut a design after Pistrucci of the St George reverse, supposedly using the original matrix that was used for the gold Pattern Five Pounds of George III from dating to 1820, the main difference being that the WWP initials under the lance are now absent.

Extremely Rare George VI Matt Proof Coronation Gold Set, dated 1937

1233 *G* **George VI (1936-1952),** Matt Proof Finish, Gold Set of Four Coins, dated 1937, consisting of Five-Pounds, Two-Pounds, Sovereign and Half-Sovereign, struck for photographic purposes at the Royal Mint, Tower Hill (London), with an experimental matt finish, each coin depicting bare head portrait of King George VI facing left, engraved by T Humphrey Paget, tiny HP below, legend in abbreviated Latin reads GEORGIVS VI D: G: BR: OMN: REX F: D: IND: IMP: and translates as "George VI, King of all the Britains, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India", *rev* all struck with an "en médaille" die axis, each coin depicting St George slaying the dragon, after Benedetto Pistrucci, date in exergue with B.P. to upper right, all struck with plain edges in matt finished 22 carat gold (L&S 2; W&R 436 R6, 438 R7, 440 R7, 443 R7, *these coins illustrated*; K&M 858-861, *listed as unique*; S 4074-4077). *All in PCGS holders, graded PF64, matt finish applied individually to each coin, toned, as struck, one of only two complete sets in private hands, of the highest rarity.* (4) £60,000-80,000

ex Goldberg Coin Auction 26, Hollywood, USA, 6 September 2004, lot 2296

Numismatic flash photography was still in its infancy c.1936, and accurate reproductions of the brilliant proof polished die designs for the new coinage of King George VI was impossible with the problems of reflection inherent in the metal. At that time the easiest way to achieve detailed photographic reproduction of the designs was to alter the surfaces of the subject matter to make them non-reflective to the latest flash photography method. For this reason, these experimental matt finish coins were produced from a sand-blasting process so that accurate photographic reproductions could be made to promote and display to the Press and to advertise the new coinage for sale to the Public.

It would seem that once photographic duties were complete in the Mint this actual matt gold set was sent for display at the Royal Academy London. It is a known fact that a matt gold set was displayed in the Summer Exhibition of 1937, part of a display of new Royal Mint product that occurred annually for many years after, but now sadly defunct. The matt finish coins were clearly suited to being viewed under the brilliant lighting of such a display, with no inherent reflections as would be experienced with brilliant proof gold coins. This matt sand-blasting solution was used again in the promotion and display of later sets in the reign of King George VI, first in 1950 to mark the Half Century, and then in 1951 for the Festival of Britain.

The Royal Mint today confirm that 5501 gold sets were sold to the public, whether that figure includes the two matt gold sets is not confirmed but seems unlikely.

A H Baldwin & Sons Ltd, were privileged enough to have handled the other 1937 matt gold set in our Auction 69, 3 May 2011, lot 754, which sold for £108,000. That set was raw and ungraded, still in its original box with a photocopy of a Royal Mint letter. Please refer to that catalogue for a full write up of the history of that set which is also relevant to this set offered here. This is the only set so far graded by any commercial grading company.

The Reign of Queen Elizabeth II (1952-)
House of Windsor

Born: 21 April 1926

Accession: 6 February 1952

Married: Philip of Greece and Denmark, 20 November 1947

Coronation: Tuesday, 2 June 1953

Children: three sons, one daughter

Celebrating her Diamond Jubilee Year 2012

Queen Elizabeth II has ruled for sixty-one years in 2013 and is the second-longest reigning and longest lived monarch in British history after Queen Victoria. If she rules beyond the 10 September 2015, Queen Elizabeth will become the longest reigning British monarch.

In her long reign Queen Elizabeth's coinage has been through several portrait changes, more so since decimalisation, in February 1971. The scope of the Bentley Collection really ends at decimalisation with the more modern Sovereigns becoming perhaps too commemorative in their issue today. However the collection does include three coins of the "decimal" bust designed by Arnold Machin, the last of which is offered here in part three.

The main portrait therefore present in the Bentley Collection is the young head type designed by Mary Gillick (1881 - 27 January 1965), the first woman sculptor to have an adopted design on a British coin. The master punch was engraved by Cecil Thomas, who designed the Coronation Crown of 1953. The young head portrait by Gillick continued on most issues until the 1967 dated coins, with one last final issue for a commemorative 1970 proof set. The Maundy coinage presented each Maundy Thursday continues to carry this young head portrait to the present time. It has become rather worn and touched up on the master tools and famously in 2002 when issued in gold for the Golden Jubilee proof sets, some of the Maundy Twopences literally had no nose on the portrait as the dies were engraved so weakly and shallow.

The first Sovereign of the reign was an excessively rare 1953 proof Sovereign as part of a set of record for Institutional collections only, consisting of a gold Five Pounds, Two Pounds, Sovereign and Half-Sovereign. One set was sold some decades ago by one of the Institutional owners, and has since been broken up into individual coins and sold, though the Bentley Collector has never had the opportunity to acquire one. At least two extra single proof Sovereigns are in private hands, though one of these was stolen and presumably melted many years ago. If one should ever come up for sale it would be one of the most valuable modern British gold Sovereigns.

Extremely Rare Elizabeth II Specimen Satin Finish Sovereign, dated 1958

1234 *G* **Elizabeth II (1952-),** Specimen Gold Sovereign, 1958, struck with a more uniform and textured matt finish, young laureate head right, designed by Mary Gillick, tiny incuse MG on truncation, +ELIZABETH. II. DEI. GRATIA. REGINA. F: D:, finely toothed border within twin linear concentric circles and raised rim both sides, *rev* struck en médaille, engraved after Benedetto Pistrucci, St George slaying dragon with sword, three strand streamer from helmet, horse with long tail, ending with two finer strands, broken lance on ground-line to left, date in exergue, narrow tiny B.P. to upper right, edge coarsely milled, 7.98g (Marsh -; WR -; S 4125). *As struck, unrecorded as a specimen and of the highest rarity.* £2500-3000

This "specimen" finish Sovereign was located at A H Baldwin & Sons Ltd in May 2006
The finish on the coin is not dissimilar to other specimen strikings seen from the Colonial Mints, the 1911 Canada and 1918 India that were sold in part two of the Bentley Collection.

Extremely Rare Elizabeth II Proof Sovereign, dated 1959

1235 ℊ **Elizabeth II,** Proof Gold Sovereign, 1959, designed by Mary Gillick, young laureate head right, *rev* struck en médaille, engraved after Benedetto Pistrucci, St George slaying dragon with sword, date in exergue, narrow tiny B.P. to upper right, edge coarsely milled, 7.98g (WR 450 R4; S 4125). *Practically as struck, mint state and extremely rare.* £6000-8000

ex Dr Jacob Y Terner collection, Goldberg, Hollywood, USA, May 2003, lot 424, previously graded by PCGS as PF66 deep cameo
These proof strikings were produced for special purpose as a matter of record or for presentation to very important persons. The 1958 issue is marked by much coarser milling around the edge and continues for the rest of the pre-decimal Sovereigns.

1236 ℊ **Elizabeth II,** Sovereign, 1963, off-centre misstrike, young laureate head right, *rev* St George slaying dragon with sword, date in exergue, tiny B.P. to upper right, 8.00g (Marsh 301; S 4125). *Of slightly ovoid shape due to the misstrike, slight hairlines and tiny scratch under horse's front leg, obverse rim nick possibly caused by prising the coin off the die when the misstrike happened, spot on obverse and red tone, otherwise as struck and unusual.* £400-600

ex Heritage auction, Long Beach Sale, 1 June 2006, lot 13179
Calendar year mintage 7,400,000

Extremely Rare Elizabeth II Matt Proof Sovereign, dated 1965

1237 *G* **Elizabeth II,** Matt Proof Sovereign, 1965, struck with a matt satin finish, young laureate head right, *rev* St George slaying dragon with sword, date in exergue, tiny B.P. to upper right, edge finely milled, 7.99g, 22.2mm (WR -; cf S 4125). *Bright frosted design, with satin matt fields, practically as struck and of the highest rarity.* £8000-10,000

ex Stacks, New York, 1 June 1997, lot 701
ex An Important Collection of Gold Sovereigns 1816-2000, offered as one lot, Sothebys, November 2000, lot 525 (part)
This coin was missed by the authors of *English Pattern, Trial and Proof Coins in Gold 1547-1968* when published in 2000. It is likely to be the only example in private ownership and should perhaps be rated R7 should it feature in any future edition or supplement.

The Second Bust of Queen Elizabeth II

Decimalisation "D-Day" was 14 February 1971 and marked a change in the design of the coinage with new decimal reverses for the new denominations. A new obverse design of a more mature bust was also introduced. Arnold Machin (30 September 1911 - 9 March 1999) was the designer and also for the portrait upon the decimal stamps. His obverse lasted until 1984 dated coinage, 1985 marking the introduction of the portrait by Raphael David Maklouf. The Bentley collection is principally a pre-decimal Sovereign collection but does include this 1974 misstrike and a Pattern Sovereign and a Proof Sovereign that were sold in part one.

1238 *G* **Elizabeth II (1952-),** Sovereign, 1974, struck without a retaining collar, designed by Arnold Machin, second crowned and draped bust right, ELIZABETH. II. DEI. GRATIA. REGINA. F: D:, finely toothed border within twin linear concentric circles and raised rim both sides, *rev* struck en médaille, engraved after Benedetto Pistrucci, St George slaying dragon with sword, horse with long tail, broken lance on ground-line to left, date in exergue, tiny B.P. to upper right, edge milled, 8.00g (S 4204). *Slightly ovoid in shape, light bagmarks on obverse, otherwise good extremely fine and highly unusual.* £300-400

ex St James's Auction 4, 8 May 2006, lot 438

End of Sale

A hardbound edition of the three parts of the Bentley Collection will be issued for sale sometime after the conclusion of the third auction in May 2013. The proposed price of this special edition will be £50 plus postage and packing for which advance orders are being taken now.

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1.2. Baldwin's acts as agent for the Seller for the sale of a Lot to the Buyer unless Baldwin's is the owner of the Lot. As such, Baldwin's is not responsible for any default by the Seller or the Buyer.

1.3. The contract for the sale of a Lot is between the Seller and the Buyer and is subject to these Conditions and the Seller's Conditions.

2. PRE-SALE AND DESCRIPTIONS

2.1. Statements made by us in a Catalogue, during the course of the Auction or elsewhere, describing a Lot including its authorship, origin, age, size, condition, genuineness, authenticity or value are intended as a guide for interested Bidders. These are statements of opinion only and should not be relied on as statements of fact. Illustrations of the Lots are for general identification only.

2.2. Lots by their nature are usually aged and varied in condition. The absence of any description of a defect, damage, modification or restoration in any Catalogue does not imply that there are none.

2.3. Coins are graded to accepted UK standards to the best ability of our specialists. You acknowledge that the grading of coins is subjective and may vary from specialist to specialist, as the process is by nature an art and not a science. For this reason, we do not automatically accept and are not bound by the opinions of third party coin grading services for any purposes including before and after the sale of a Lot.

2.4. If you are interested in a Lot, we strongly recommend that you view it in person before the Auction and form your own opinion of the description of the Lot.

2.5. We reserve the right to change any aspect of the published description of a Lot prior to the auction. Any change may be published on our website, displayed at the auction, announced by the auctioneer prior to the sale and/or communicated in any other manner.

2.6. All copyright in Catalogues including images belongs to Baldwin's.

3. ABSENTEE COMMISSION BIDS

3.1. If you are unable to attend the Auction personally, you may submit a Commission Bid and we will endeavour to purchase the Lot on your behalf for the lowest price possible. You must submit this in writing using the Commission Bid Form and send it to us by post, fax, email or delivery to our offices at least 24 hours prior to the Auction.

3.2. For all Commission Bids, you must supply your name and address, contact telephone number and email. You must also provide the Lot number and description of the Lot, the amount of your Bid and any other information requested in the Commission Bid Form or by us. It is your responsibility to provide the correct information and to ensure that we have received your Commission Bid.

3.3. We do not charge for this service and therefore we will not incur any liability for executing (or failing to execute) the Commission Bid.

3.4. If you submit a Commission Bid verbally (whether by telephone or otherwise), we shall not be responsible for any misunderstandings (by either us or our agents or you) in relation to your Bid. All bids made in this way must be confirmed in writing before the auction

3.5. If we receive two Commission Bids for equal value for the same Lot, the Bid received first by us shall take precedence.

3.6. "Buy" commissions [and unlimited Commission Bids] will not be accepted.

4. AUCTION SALE

4.1. Before the auction, all potential Bidders must notify their name and address to the auctioneer and if required provide proof of identity to our satisfaction and bank or other credit references.

4.2. The highest Bidder for each Lot shall be the Buyer. If there is a dispute, the auctioneer shall have absolute discretion to determine the dispute including re-offering the disputed Lot for sale.

4.3. A Bidder must submit a bid for an entire Lot and each lot constitutes a separate sale. The auctioneer shall however have an absolute discretion to divide any Lot, to combine any two or more Lots, or to withdraw any Lot from the auction without giving any reason (including after the hammer has fallen). Bidding shall be regulated at the absolute discretion of the auctioneer. The auctioneer has the right to refuse any bid.

4.4. Subject to Condition **4.2**, the contract for the sale of the Lot is concluded on the fall of the hammer.

4.5. All Lots are offered for sale subject to any Reserve.

4.6. You cannot cancel your purchase of a Lot once the hammer has fallen.

5. PAYMENT

5.1. The Purchase Price payable by a Buyer is the Hammer Price plus a Buyer's Premium of 20% of the Hammer Price. VAT is payable in addition unless the Lot is exempt or zero-rated.

5.2. The symbol 'G' appearing next to a lot in this catalogue denotes the item is 'Investment Gold' and, therefore, a VAT-registered trader can submit a claim to H M Revenue and Customs to recover the VAT element of the Buyers' Premium

5.3. Any lot marked with a dagger (**†**) is subject to import VAT at 5%, this will be added to the hammer price and is payable by the buyer if resident in the EU. If the lot is being exported outside the EU, this import VAT can be waived or refunded on proof of export.

5.4. The Buyer of a Lot shall pay the Purchase Price in full before the Lot can be delivered to the Buyer.

5.5. Except where Condition **5.4** applies, any part of the Purchase Price outstanding after the Auction shall be payable by you within 14 days of the date of the auction, the due date.

5.6. The Purchase Price is payable by you in full. You are not entitled to set-off any amounts that you claim are due from us or anyone else or make any other deductions.

5.7. Unless we have agreed in writing otherwise, you shall act on your own account as principal in respect of the sale and therefore if you accept a commission from a third party to bid on their behalf, you do so at your own risk and will remain personally liable (jointly with your principal) to us for the Purchase Price in accordance with these Conditions.

5.8. The methods of payment and surcharges are set out in the Catalogue.

5.9. If the Purchase Price has not been settled within 30 days of the auction date a £50 late payment fee will be added and interest will be charged at 2% per month from the due date of payment to the date that cleared funds are received whether that is before or after any legal judgment. This is without prejudice to any other rights that we have for non-payment.

5.10. If you fail to comply with your obligations under these Conditions, the Lot, in respect of such non-compliance, may at our discretion be put up for sale at auction or privately and resold. In this case, you will be liable in full and will indemnify us for all losses, costs and expenses (including legal costs) incurred as a result, including the costs of the resale and the amount (if any) by which the Hammer Price obtained on the resale is less than the Hammer Price obtained on the original sale of the Lot to the Buyer.

6. RISK, TITLE AND DELIVERY

6.1. The risk of damage/loss to the Lot will pass to the Buyer on the fall of the hammer. Title in a Lot will not pass to the Buyer until the Purchase Price has been paid in full.

6.2. Unless agreed by us, you should collect the Lot within 7 days of the date of the auction. We reserve the right to charge for storage and to resell by auction or privately without notice to you, if a Lot is not collected. Alternatively we will send the Lot to you by recorded post. Postage and insurance costs will be charged as additional costs.

6.3. Except in relation to Forgeries, you must satisfy yourself that the correct Lot has been delivered to you at the time of collection/delivery. We will not be responsible for any discrepancy which might be discovered after the Lots have been collected. If we have shipped the Lot to you, we will not be responsible for any discrepancies if you fail to notify us within 24 hours of receipt.

6.4. It is the Buyer's responsibility to obtain any necessary import, export or other licences required in relation to a Lot.

7. GUARANTEE FOR FORGERIES

7.1. Baldwin's is a member of the International Association of Professional Numismatists and in accordance with the conditions of membership, provide a guarantee to the Buyer for all Lots against Forgeries on the terms set out in these Conditions ('**Guarantee**').

7.2. For the purposes of these Conditions, a '**Forgery**' means an imitation that has been created with the fraudulent intent to deceive in respect of the authorship, origin, date, age, period and the correct

description does not correspond with the description in the Catalogue and as a result has a value significantly less than it would have been had it been genuine.

7.3. You must notify us in writing within one month of you becoming aware that the Lot may be a Forgery. The Lot must be returned to us in the same condition as at the time of sale and you must submit evidence that the Lot is a Forgery, the onus being on you to prove that it is a Forgery.

7.4. You acknowledge that:

(a) we reserve the right to re-assess the Lot or engage at our expense any expert or authority considered by us at our sole discretion to have the necessary expertise to undertake a re-assessment of the Lot;

(b) following our re-assessment of the Lot, you agree to be bound by our decision as to whether or not the Lot is a Forgery.

7.5. You shall not be entitled to a refund for a Forgery if:

(a) the grounds for claiming that the Lot is a Forgery is based primarily on a difference of opinion between us and a third party providing coin grading services;

(b) the grounds for claiming that the Lot is a Forgery is by reason of any damage and/or restoration and/or modification work of any nature;

(c) the description of the Lot in the catalogue was in accordance with generally accepted opinions of numismatic specialists as at the date of publication or the catalogue indicated that there was a conflict of opinion.

(d) it has been proved that the Lot is a Forgery by applying a method that was unavailable or not generally applied within the industry of numismatics as at the date of publication of the catalogue or was disproportionately expensive, in both cases as determined in our absolute discretion.

7.6. If we agree that the Lot is a Forgery then subject to:

(a) you being able to confirm in writing that you can transfer legal and beneficial title to the Lot to us or as directed by us free from all encumbrances or third party claims of any nature; and

(b) the exclusions in Condition **7.7**,

then the sale of the Lot will be rescinded so that it is cancelled and we will refund the Purchase Price to you in full.

7.7. Your right to return the Lot and receive a refund of the Hammer Price under the Guarantee is your sole remedy against us, our agents and sub-contractors and/or the Seller for a Forgery. You will not be entitled to claim interest on the amount due to you. Neither we, our agents or sub-contractors nor the Seller shall be liable for costs, expenses, damages or any other liability however it arises relating to a Forgery.

7.8. In accordance with the restriction in Condition **10.2**, the benefit of the Guarantee is personal to the original Buyer and is not transferable to a new owner of the Lot or any other person.

8. EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY

8.1. Except where these Conditions expressly state otherwise, no warranty is given to a Buyer concerning a Lot and each Lot is sold as shown with all faults, imperfections, errors of description (including authorship, origin, age, size, condition or value) or lack of authenticity or genuineness and neither we nor the Seller nor any of our agents or sub-contractors will be liable for any damages, costs, expenses or any other liability arising out of the same whether or not caused by negligence.

8.2. Our maximum liability under these Conditions is the amount of the Purchase Price paid by you.

8.3. Neither we nor any of our agents or sub-contractors shall be liable, whether in tort (including negligence or breach of statutory duty), contract, misrepresentation or otherwise:

(a) for loss of profits or business, depletion of goodwill and/or similar losses; loss of contracts; or

(b) any special, indirect, consequential or pure economic loss, costs, damages, charges or expenses.

8.4. We shall not be liable to you or be deemed to be in breach of these Conditions by reason of any delay in performing, or any failure to perform, any of our obligations in the Conditions, if the delay or failure was due to any cause beyond our reasonable control.

8.5. Nothing in these Conditions excludes or limits our liability for any matter which it would be illegal for us to exclude or attempt to exclude under English law or for our fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation.

9. DATA PROTECTION

9.1. By agreeing to these Conditions, a Bidder acknowledges and agrees that we will use personal information of a Bidder for the purpose of the auction and ancillary matters, including providing a Buyer's personal details to any other person where necessary to enforce our rights under these Conditions.

10. GENERAL

10.1. These Conditions and the Seller's Conditions constitute the entire agreement between us. All other terms, warranties and representations, express or implied by statute or otherwise are excluded to the fullest extent permitted by law. No variation to these Conditions shall be legally binding unless agreed in writing by us.

10.2. All rights and benefits granted to a Bidder under these Conditions are personal to him and may not be assigned or in any other way transferred to any other person. Any such assignment or transfer will be invalid and unenforceable against us.

10.3. A notice required or permitted to be given by either of us to the other under these Conditions shall, in the case of a Bidder, be to the last address notified to us and in the case of Baldwin's, shall be to its registered office.

10.4. No failure or delay by us in exercising any of our rights under these Conditions shall be deemed to be a waiver of that right, and no waiver by us of any breach of these Conditions by you shall be considered as a waiver of any subsequent breach of the same or any other provision.

10.5. We may perform our obligations and exercise our respective rights through any of our group companies or assign our rights under these Conditions.

10.6. If any provision of these Conditions is held by any court or other competent authority to be invalid or unenforceable in whole or in part, the validity of the other provisions and the remainder of the provision in question shall not be affected.

10.7. English law shall apply to these Conditions and we both agree to the English courts having exclusive jurisdiction.

11. INTERPRETATION

11.1. In these Conditions:

'**Baldwins**', '**auctioneer**', '**us**' or '**we**' means A H Baldwin & Sons Limited;

'**Bidder**' and **'you'** means a person making, attempting to make or considering making a bid for a Lot including a Buyer;

'Buyer' means the person who makes the highest bid for a Lot which is accepted by the auctioneer and if the person is acting as an agent, will be a reference to its principal only if Baldwin's has accepted the agency in writing;

'**Catalogue**' means a catalogue, price list or other publication or price list;

'**Commission Bid**' means an instruction from a Bidder to us to bid on their behalf at the auction;

'Conditions' means these conditions of sale and any other additional terms notified to Bidders in writing in a Catalogue or otherwise (which includes notices displayed at the Auction) or as agreed in writing between Baldwin's and the Bidder;

'**Guarantee**' has the meaning set out in Condition **7.1**;

'**Hammer Price**' means the amount of the highest bid for a Lot accepted by the auctioneer;

'**including**' or '**include**' mean including without limitation and include without limitation, respectively;

'**Lot**' means any item deposited with us for sale at auction including items described against any Lot number in a Catalogue;

'**Purchase Price'** means the Hammer Price plus buyer's premium and VAT where applicable;

'**Reserve**' means a confidential price below which the auctioneer will not sell a Lot or will re-purchase on behalf of the Seller or for the account of Baldwin's. Unless otherwise specified at the time of Lot consignment, this will be set at approximately 80% of the Lot estimate at complete discretion of the auctioneer;

'**Seller's Conditions**' means the terms and conditions of sale between Baldwin's and a Seller for the sale of a Lot as displayed in the auction room, on our website or available from Baldwin's.

11.2. Headings in these Conditions are for convenience only and shall not affect their interpretation.

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